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Maryland Department of Transportation

February 21, 2006

The Honorable John S. Arnick
Maryland House of Delegates
426 Lowe House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Arnick:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Cheasaco Park community, along northbound I-695 from the Back River to the AMTRAK railroad bridge northeast of the Chesaco Avenue Bridge, and the Oriole Avenue community, along I-695 from Eastern Avenue (MD 150) to the Back River, in Baltimore County. The meeting is to discuss the two proposed sound barriers to be built adjacent to the two communities. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 9, 2006, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the gym of the Rosedale Center, 8200 Old Philadelphia Road, Rosedale. Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed sound barriers for the communities and to seek concurrence on the construction of the barrier from at least 75 percent of the impacted property owners in each community that would benefit from the barriers. We will distribute vote cards at the meeting to the impacted homeowners. Impacted property owners who are eligible to vote are those whose homes experience existing highway noise levels of 66 decibels or greater.

Property owners who are unable to attend this meeting will receive a summary of the meeting and copies of all materials distributed at the meeting approximately seven to ten days following the meeting. Voting cards will also be included for impacted property owners who are unable to attend the meeting.

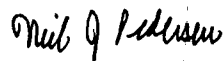
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Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James D. Hade, SHA's Noise Abatement Team Leader, at 410-545-8599, toll-free 800-446-5962 or via email at jhade@sha.state.md.us. Mr. Hade will be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,



Neil J. Pedersen
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design, SHA
James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA
Mr. David J. Malkowski, District Engineer, SHA

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bcc: Ms. Valerie Burnette Edgar, Director of Communications, SHA
Mr. David Marks, Chief of Staff, Maryland Department of Transportation
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Transportation
Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, SHA
Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Deputy Administrator for Planning and Engineering, SHA
Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Manager, SHA
Ms. Frances Ward, Community Liaison, SHA

Serial #: None

OED Serial#: None

Noise Customer #: 287 (Mr. Matko Chullin)

Responding to letter dated: Invitation to 03-09-2006 SHA-hosted community informational meeting for the Chesaco Park and Oriole Avenue communities in the gym of the Rosedale Center, 8200 Old Philadelphia Road, Rosedale

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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor
Michael S. Steele, Lt. Governor

Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary
Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Maryland Department of Transportation

August 7, 2006

The Honorable Charles E. Barkley
Maryland Houses of Delegates
222 House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate ~~Barkley~~ *Charles*:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Leaking Lot, Hadley Farms, Brookefield and Edinburgh communities regarding the sound barriers proposed for MD 124 between Rosewood Manor Lane and Brenish Drive in Montgomery County. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 31, 2006, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Judith A. Resnik Elementary School, 7301 Hadley Farms Drive, Gaithersburg. Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the sound barrier proposed for this project and to seek concurrence on the construction of a barrier from at least seventy-five percent of the owners whose homes will be *both impacted* by highway noise in the design year (2025) *and benefited* by a barrier. "Impacted" homes are those which are predicted to experience either: a ten decibel increase in highway noise levels over existing conditions; or highway noise levels of sixty-six decibels or more that would be at least three decibels higher in 2025 than they would have been if the highway had not been built. We will distribute vote cards to qualifying owners who attend the meeting and will mail vote cards, along with materials that are distributed at the meeting, to qualifying owners who are unable to attend.

Your attendance at this meeting would be welcomed. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James D. Hade, SHA's Noise Abatement Team Leader, at 410-545-8599, toll-free 800-446-5962 or via email at jhade@sha.state.md.us. Mr. Hade will be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly, if you prefer.

Sincerely,

Neil J. Pedersen
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design, SHA
James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA
Mr. Darrell B. Mobley, District Engineer, SHA
Ms. Teri Soos, Project Engineer, Office of Highway Design, SHA

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Mr. Darrell Sacks, Environmental Analyst, Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering, SHA
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Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, SHA
Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Deputy Administrator for Planning and Engineering, SHA
Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Manager, SHA

Serial #: None

OED Serial#: None

Noise Customer #:

Responding to letter dated: Invitation to SHA-hosted community informational meeting Thursday, August 31, 2006 in the Multi-purpose Room of the Judith A. Resnik Elementary School, 7301 Hadley Farms Drive, Gaithersburg

NOTE: All of the invited property owners to this meeting are "impacted"; there are no "benefited-only" property owners.

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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor
Michael S. Steele, Lt. Governor



Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary
Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Maryland Department of Transportation

May 25, 2006

The Honorable Pamela G. Beidle
Anne Arundel County Council
44 Calvert Street
Annapolis MD 21401-1930

Pam

Dear ~~Councilmember~~ Beidle:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Fernglen Manor community regarding the sound barrier that is proposed along northbound I-97 from the end of the existing sound barrier at Broadway Avenue to the Wellham Avenue overpass in Anne Arundel County. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 15, 2006, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Cafeteria of the North County High School, 19 East First Avenue, Glen Burnie, Maryland. Before the meeting, displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed sound barrier for the community and to seek concurrence on the construction of the barrier from at least seventy-five percent of the impacted property owners that would benefit from the barriers. We will distribute vote cards at the meeting to those impacted homeowners. Impacted property owners who are eligible to vote are those whose homes experience existing highway noise levels of sixty-six decibels or greater.

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Sincerely,

Neil J. Pedersen

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Administrator

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James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA
Mr. Gregory Welker, District Engineer, SHA

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Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, SHA
Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Deputy Administrator for Planning and Engineering, SHA
Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Manager, SHA

Serial #: None

OED Serial#: None

Noise Customer #:

Responding to letter dated: Invitation to SHA-hosted community information meeting for the Fernglen Manor community on Thursday, 06-15-2006, in the cafeteria of the North County High School, 10 E. First Avenue, Glen Burnie, MD; meeting begins at 7:00 pm with display viewing beginning at 6:30 pm

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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor
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Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary
Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Maryland Department of Transportation

July 3, 2006

The Honorable John L. Bohanan, Jr.
Maryland House of Delegates
46940 South Shangri-la Drive, Suite 17B
Lexington Park MD 20653-1037

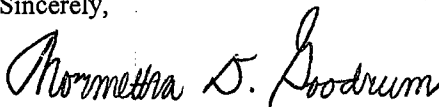
Dear Delegate Bohanan:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Hearsd Estates community regarding the sound barrier project along southbound MD 237 (Chancellors Run Road) between Norris Drive and Strickland Road in Saint Mary's County. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 27, 2006, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Bay District Volunteer Fire Department, Station 9, 45774 Fire Department Lane, California, Maryland (corner of Chancellors Run Road and Fire Department Lane). Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the sound barrier proposed for this project and to seek concurrence on the construction of the barrier from at least seventy-five percent of the owners whose homes will be *both impacted* by highway noise in the design year (2025) *and benefited* by a barrier. "Impacted" homes are those which are predicted to experience highway noise levels of 66 decibels or more that would be at least 3 decibels higher in 2025 than they would have been if the highway had not been built. "Benefited" homes are those for which a barrier will provide at least a three-decibel reduction in highway noise (if they are impacted) or a five-decibel reduction (if they are not impacted). We will distribute vote cards to qualifying owners who attend the meeting and will mail vote cards, along with materials that are distributed at the meeting, to qualifying owners who are unable to attend.

Your attendance at this meeting would be welcomed. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James D. Hade, SHA's Noise Abatement Team Leader, at 410-545-8599, toll-free 800-446-5962 or via email at jhade@sha.state.md.us. Mr. Hade will be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly, if you prefer.

Sincerely,


for Neil J. Pedersen
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design, SHA
Mr. Jeffrey Folden, Project Engineer, Community Design Division, Office of Highway Development, State Highway Administration
James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA
Mr. Gregory D. Welker, District Engineer, SHA

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Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, SHA
Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Deputy Administrator for Planning and Engineering, SHA
Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Manager, SHA

Serial #: None

OED Serial#: None

Noise Customer #: 2917 (Ms. Sylvia P. Rineer)

Responding to letter dated: Invitation to 07-27-2006 SHA-hosted community information meeting at the Bay District Volunteer Fire Department, Station 9, 45774 Fire Dept Lane, California, MD; displays available from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm, meeting begins at 7:00 pm

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Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Maryland Department of Transportation

November 2, 2006

The Honorable James Brochin
Senate of Maryland
Suite 406
305 Washington Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204-4747

Dear Senator Brochin:

This is a follow-up to our April 13 letter regarding noise measurements taken along Breezewick Circle in the Cromwell Valley community, adjacent to the ramp from northbound Providence Road to eastbound I-695, in Baltimore County. I appreciate the opportunity to update you on the noise study.

Our preliminary investigation found that, while Mr. Joseph Mackin's home at 914 Breezewick Circle does not receive sixty-six decibels of highway traffic noise from I-695, one or more other homes along Breezewick Circle, closer to I-695, are impacted at the sixty-six-decibel level. The Cromwell Valley community meets the date and highway traffic noise impact eligibility criteria for our Type II sound barrier program. We next need to determine if an effective sound barrier can be constructed to reduce the highway traffic noise at the most severely impacted homes and be within the program's cost-per-residence guideline of \$100,000 per impacted and benefited residence.

This determination will require a full sound barrier analysis. As a result of the cost and time involved with such a study, we will first need to poll the affected property owners to determine their consensus regarding the construction of a sound barrier adjacent to their community. We would conduct this poll by written, mail-in ballot and would need to receive a seventy-five percent concurrence from the affected property owners.

If this concurrence is achieved, we anticipate being able to report the result of the study approximately nine months later. If this concurrence is achieved and the study determines that an effective sound barrier can be constructed within our cost guidelines, Baltimore County would need to agree to fund twenty percent of the project's cost of engineering and construction before the State could identify funding for the project and add the project to the list of sound barrier projects already waiting for funding. Currently, no funding is available for new Type II sound barrier projects through FY 2010. When the State is able to add funding to the program, communities in counties that have already committed their cost shares would be funded first. At this time, there are five communities, in three counties, that are waiting for funding for Type II sound barriers.

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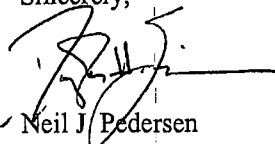
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The State Highway Administration (SHA) also has plans to widen the portion of I-695 in this area. Should the outcome of the sound barrier analysis show that a barrier for the Cromwell Valley community would be both reasonable and feasible, such a barrier would have to be placed so as not to be impacted by an eventual widening of I-695. If such a placement cannot be achieved, construction of a sound barrier would have to wait until I-695 in this area is widened. To fully appreciate this last statement, I would note that funding for design and construction of the widening is not available at this time. As a result, it is not possible to say when this widening might occur.

Thank you for your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA at 410-545-8640, toll-free 800-446-5962 or via email at cadams@sha.state.md.us. Mr. Adams will be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Neil J. Pedersen
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA
The Honorable Susan L.M. Aumann, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable William J. Frank, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
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Mr. Joseph H. Mackin
The Honorable John J. Trueschler, Member, Maryland House of Delegates

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SHA
Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Manager, SHA

Serial #: 06apr27a

OED Serial#: None

Noise Customer #: 2300 (Mr. Joseph Mackin)

Responding to letter dated: Follow-up to 04-13-2006 letter from SHA Admin. Pedersen to Sen. Brochin regarding the taking of noise measurements near 914 Breezewick Circle, Towson MD (the home of Mr. Joseph Mackin);

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Ted Severe

From: James Hade
Sent: Tuesday, October 03, 2006 11:28 AM
To: Claire DeBakey; Lee Johnston
Cc: Ted Severe; Pandora Johnson; Charles Adams
Subject: RE: Brochin 06apr27a

Claire:

We are drafting a response now, and plan to have it upstairs within the next day or two.

James Hade, RLA
Noise Abatement Team Leader
Ph: 410-545-8599
Fx: 410-209-5003

From: Claire DeBakey
Sent: Monday, October 02, 2006 5:01 PM
To: Lee Johnston
Cc: James Hade; Ted Severe; Pandora Johnson; Claire DeBakey
Subject: Brochin 06apr27a

The letter to Senator Brochin, dated April 13, said that a follow-up would be forthcoming after the end of September. Would you please advise Penny and me on when we can expect a draft follow-up letter for Neil's signature?

Thanks,
Claire

10/03/2006



Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor
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Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary
Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Maryland Department of Transportation

April 13, 2006

The Honorable James Brochin
Senate of Maryland
Suite 406
305 Washington Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204-4747

Dear Senator Brochin:

Thank you for your letter to Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's (SHA) Director of Environmental Design, on behalf of your constituent, Mr. Joseph Mackin, of 914 Breezewick Circle, Towson, Maryland. Mr. Mackin spoke to you about the highway traffic noise near his home, which is located in the vicinity of Providence Road and I-695, in Baltimore County. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your inquiry.

The SHA considers the need for sound barriers in two circumstances, designated "Type I" and "Type II." In "Type I" situations, barriers are considered when a new highway is being built or an existing highway is being expanded. At this time, SHA has long-term plans to widen I-695 between I-83 and MD 702. The 1991 environmental document, *Finding of No Significant Impact, Contract No. B635-101-472, Interstate 695, Baltimore Beltway, MD 140 to MD 702, Baltimore County Maryland*, indicated that the area between Providence Road and Loch Raven Boulevard met Type I criteria for noise abatement and would be considered further, once the project moved into the final design stage. The only area that is presently funded for design, however, is between Perring Parkway and Harford Road (MD 147). The area near Mr. Mackin's home, between Providence Road and Loch Raven Boulevard, has not been funded, either for design stage or for construction.

When a highway already exists and is *not* being expanded—so that Type I criteria do not apply—communities may be considered for our "Type II," or "retrofit," sound barrier program. The intent of the Type II program is to address areas of noise impact along highways that were built before environmental analyses became a part of the highway-development process. A number of criteria must be met for a Type II barrier to be approved. First, the county in which the community is located must have an ordinance that addresses the impact of highway traffic noise on new residential development. In addition, the highway in question must be a controlled-access highway (one with interchanges rather than at-grade intersections). If both of these conditions exist, then all of the following technical criteria must also be met: the majority of impacted homes must predate the highway; existing noise levels must equal or exceed the sixty-six-decibel impact threshold; and it must be possible to build an effective barrier for \$50,000 or less per benefited home. If all of these criteria are met, the county must then agree to fund twenty percent of the barrier cost.

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The SHA evaluated the Cromwell Valley community along Breezewick Circle for eligibility for a Type II sound barrier, as outlined above. Our investigation determined that the majority of the homes that could be impacted, do, in fact, predate the 1962 opening of I-695. Based on this information, SHA will conduct a Type II highway traffic noise level study to determine the impacts in the community. We anticipate that this study will be completed by the end of September. The SHA will be pleased to provide those results once they become available.

Thank you again for your letter and your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Adams at 410-545-8640, toll-free 800-446-5962 or via email at cadams@sha.state.md.us. He will be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Neil J. Pedersen

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Serial #: None

OED Serial#: None

Noise Customer #: 2300

Responding to letter dated: Follow-up to 03-28-2006 letter from Sen. Brochin to Mr. Charles Adams on behalf of his constituent, Mr. Joseph H. Mackin of 914 Breezewick Circle, Towson MD 21286-3301; Sen. Brochin wrote:

"I am writing you on behalf of my constituent, Mr. Joseph Mackin. I recently met Mr. Mackin who complained about the excessive noise from Providence Road and I-695 at his home on Breezewick Circle.

"Mr. Mackin's property is located between the two above referenced roads. The entrance ramp to I-695 East is within close proximity to Mr. Mackin's home. Mr. Mackin inquired as to the feasibility of having a barrier wall placed behind his home as a buffer between his property and Providence Road.

"I am respectfully requesting that the State Highway Administration evaluate Mr. Mackin's property at 902 Breezewick Circle and test the sound levels to determine if a barrier wall is warranted. I appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to hearing from you.

"Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance in this matter."

Please note that a check of the Real Property Data Search website determined that Mr. Mackin owns 914 Breezewick Circle and not 902 Breezewick Circle as indicated in Sen. Brochin's letter.

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Ted Severe

To: Pandora Johnson**Subject:** RE: 06APR27a - BROCHIN, JAMES

Dear Penny - Last week, noise measurements were taken in the Breezewick Circle community adjacent to the ramp from northbound Providence Road to eastbound I-695. The results are being worked on even as I type. We should have something to report by the end of the week.

Sincerely,
Ted Severe
Administrative Assistant
Noise Abatement Team
Office of Environmental Design
Phone: 8600

From: Pandora Johnson
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2006 7:49 AM
To: Ted Severe
Subject: FW: 06APR27a - BROCHIN, JAMES

Ted, any luck finding this followup assignment?

Thanks
Penny

From: Ted Severe
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2006 9:26 AM
To: Pandora Johnson
Subject: RE: 06APR27a - BROCHIN, JAMES

Dear Penny -

This one is not familiar to me. Would you be so kind as to send me a copy of the inbound, either by email attachment or fax of same to 410-209-5003. Once I have the inbound, I should be able to find out what's waht.

Thanks.

Sincerely,
Ted Severe
Administrative Assistant
Noise Abatement Team
Office of Environmental Design
X 8600

From: Pandora Johnson
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2006 11:54 AM
To: Ted Severe
Subject: 06APR27a - BROCHIN, JAMES

Ted, has this assignment been completed. Reference - (Sound Barriers - I695 and Providence)

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Penny

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Administrative Assistant
Noise Abatement Team
Office of Environmental Design
Phone: 8600

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From: Pandora Johnson
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2006 11:54 AM
To: Ted Severe
Subject: 06APR27a - BROCHIN, JAMES

Ted, has this assignment been completed. Reference - (Sound Barriers - I695 and Providence)

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Penny

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Ted Severe

From: Pandora Johnson
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2006 7:49 AM
To: Ted Severe
Subject: FW: 06APR27a - BROCHIN, JAMES

Ted, any luck finding this followup assignment?

Thanks
Penny

From: Ted Severe
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2006 9:26 AM
To: Pandora Johnson
Subject: RE: 06APR27a - BROCHIN, JAMES

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Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Maryland Department of Transportation

April 13, 2006

The Honorable James Brochin
Senate of Maryland
Suite 406
305 Washington Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204-4747

Dear Senator Brochin:

Thank you for your letter to Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's (SHA) Director of Environmental Design, on behalf of your constituent, Mr. Joseph Mackin, of 914 Breezewick Circle, Towson, Maryland. Mr. Mackin spoke to you about the highway traffic noise near his home, which is located in the vicinity of Providence Road and I-695, in Baltimore County. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your inquiry.

The SHA considers the need for sound barriers in two circumstances, designated "Type I" and "Type II." In "Type I" situations, barriers are considered when a new highway is being built or an existing highway is being expanded. At this time, SHA has long-term plans to widen I-695 between I-83 and MD 702. The 1991 environmental document, *Finding of No Significant Impact, Contract No. B635-101-472, Interstate 695, Baltimore Beltway, MD 140 to MD 702, Baltimore County Maryland*, indicated that the area between Providence Road and Loch Raven Boulevard met Type I criteria for noise abatement and would be considered further, once the project moved into the final design stage. The only area that is presently funded for design, however, is between Perring Parkway and Harford Road (MD 147). The area near Mr. Mackin's home, between Providence Road and Loch Raven Boulevard, has not been funded, either for design stage or for construction.

When a highway already exists and is *not* being expanded—so that Type I criteria do not apply—communities may be considered for our "Type II," or "retrofit," sound barrier program. The intent of the Type II program is to address areas of noise impact along highways that were built before environmental analyses became a part of the highway-development process. A number of criteria must be met for a Type II barrier to be approved. First, the county in which the community is located must have an ordinance that addresses the impact of highway traffic noise on new residential development. In addition, the highway in question must be a controlled-access highway (one with interchanges rather than at-grade intersections). If both of these conditions exist, then all of the following technical criteria must also be met: the majority of impacted homes must predate the highway; existing noise levels must equal or exceed the sixty-six-decibel impact threshold; and it must be possible to build an effective barrier for \$50,000 or less per benefited home. If all of these criteria are met, the county must then agree to fund twenty percent of the barrier cost.

My telephone number/toll-free number is 410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770

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The SHA evaluated the Cromwell Valley community along Breezewick Circle for eligibility for a Type II sound barrier, as outlined above. Our investigation determined that the majority of the homes that could be impacted, do, in fact, predate the 1962 opening of I-695. Based on this information, SHA will conduct a Type II highway traffic noise level study to determine the impacts in the community. We anticipate that this study will be completed by the end of September. The SHA will be pleased to provide those results once they become available.

Thank you again for your letter and your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Adams at 410-545-8640, toll-free 800-446-5962 or via email at cadams@sha.state.md.us. He will be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Neil J. Pedersen

Neil J. Pedersen
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA
The Honorable Susan L.M. Aumann, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable William J. Frank, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Vincent J. Gardina, Member, Baltimore County Council
Mr. Joseph H. Mackin
The Honorable John J. Trueschler, Member, Maryland House of Delegates

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Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Manager, State Highway Administration

Serial #: None

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Noise Customer #: 2300

Responding to letter dated: Follow-up to 03-28-2006 letter from Sen. Brochin to Mr. Charles Adams on behalf of his constituent, Mr. Joseph H. Mackin of 914 Breezewick Circle, Towson MD 21286-3301; Sen. Brochin wrote:

"I am writing you on behalf of my constituent, Mr. Joseph Mackin. I recently met Mr. Mackin who complained about the excessive noise from Providence Road and I-695 at his home on Breezewick Circle.

"Mr. Mackin's property is located between the two above referenced roads. The entrance ramp to I-695 East is within close proximity to Mr. Mackin's home. Mr. Mackin inquired as to the feasibility of having a barrier wall placed behind his home as a buffer between his property and Providence Road.

"I am respectfully requesting that the State Highway Administration evaluate Mr. Mackin's property at 902 Breezewick Circle and test the sound levels to determine if a barrier wall is warranted. I appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to hearing from you.

"Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance in this matter."

Please note that a check of the Real Property Data Search website determined that Mr. Mackin owns 914 Breezewick Circle and not 902 Breezewick Circle as indicated in Sen. Brochin's letter.

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JAMES BROCHIN
STATE SENATOR

42nd Legislative District
Baltimore County

Member

Education, Health, and
Environmental Affairs Committee

Joint Committee on Administrative,
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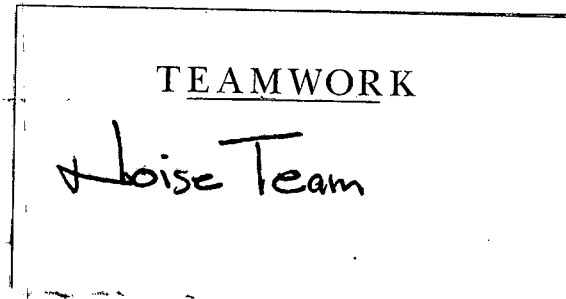
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305 Washington Avenue
Suite 406
Towson, Maryland 21204
410-823-7087

March 28, 2006

Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director
Office of Environmental Design
State Highway Administration
707 North Calvert Street
Baltimore, MD 21202



Dear Mr. Adams:

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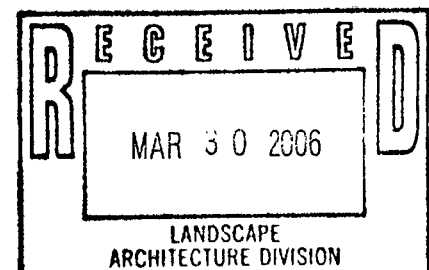
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Senator James Brochin

Cc: Joseph Mackin



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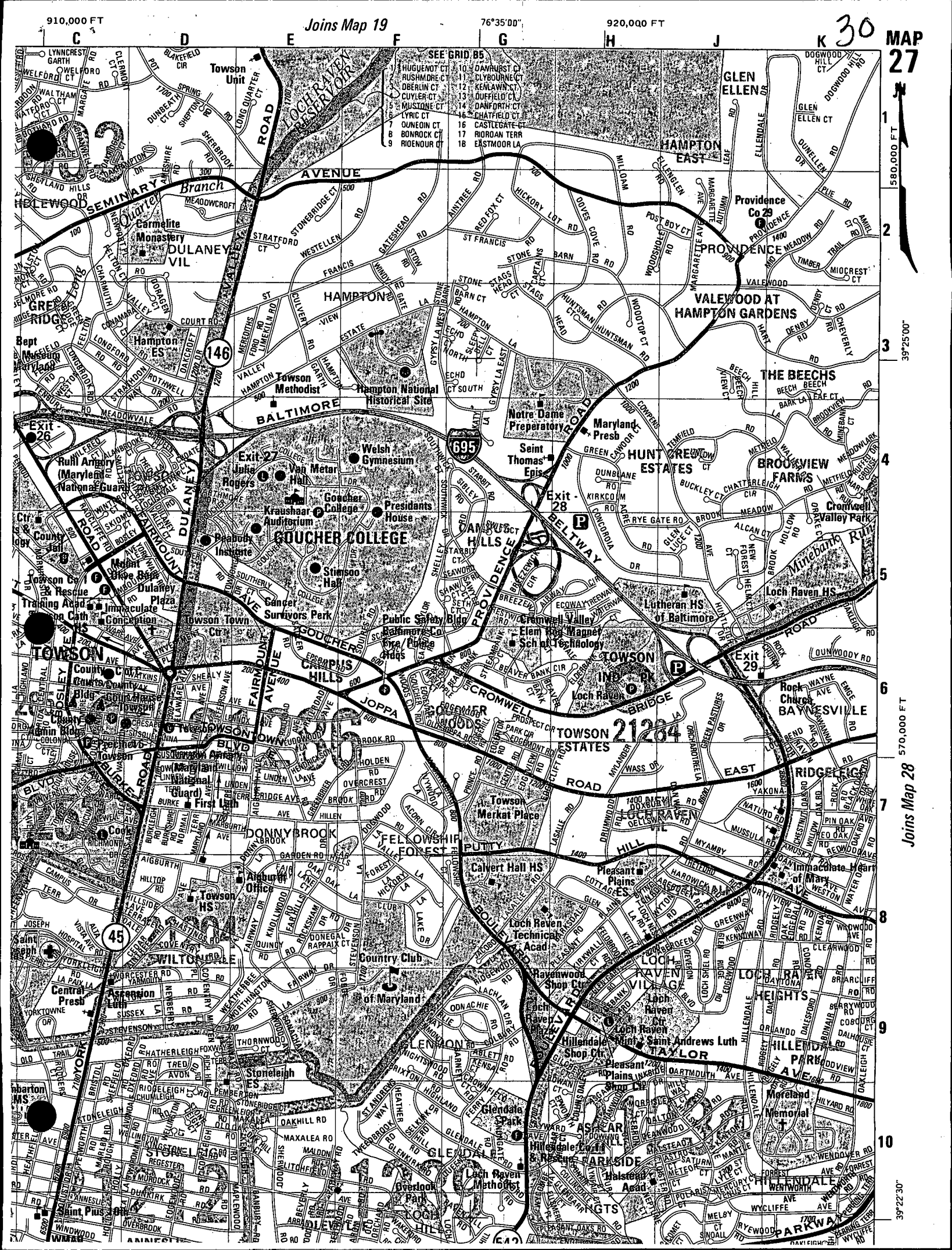
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Account Identifier: District - 09 Account Number - 0913207120

Owner Information

Owner Name: MACKIN JOSEPH H
MACKIN CATHERINE J

Use: RESIDENTIAL

Principal Residence: YES

Mailing Address: 914 BREEZEWICK CIR
BALTIMORE MD 21286-3301

Deed Reference: 1) / 4033/ 453
2)

40-828-8544

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address
914 BREEZEWICK CIR

Legal Description

CROMWELL VALLEY

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Assessment Area	Plat No:	Plat Ref:
70	4	755			N2	A	9	2		25/ 61

Special Tax Areas

Town
Ad Valorem
Tax Class

Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
1962	1,417 SF	19,158.00 SF	04

Stories	Basement	Type	Exterior
1	YES	STANDARD UNIT	BRICK

Value Information

	Base Value	Value As Of 01/01/2005	Phase-in Assessments As Of 07/01/2005	As Of 07/01/2006
Land:	58,780	83,780		
Improvements:	130,000	142,040		
Total:	188,780	225,820	201,126	213,472
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	0

Transfer Information

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Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2005	07/01/2006
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

Tax Exempt: NO
Exempt Class:

10's DIST. 42 S. James Broderick

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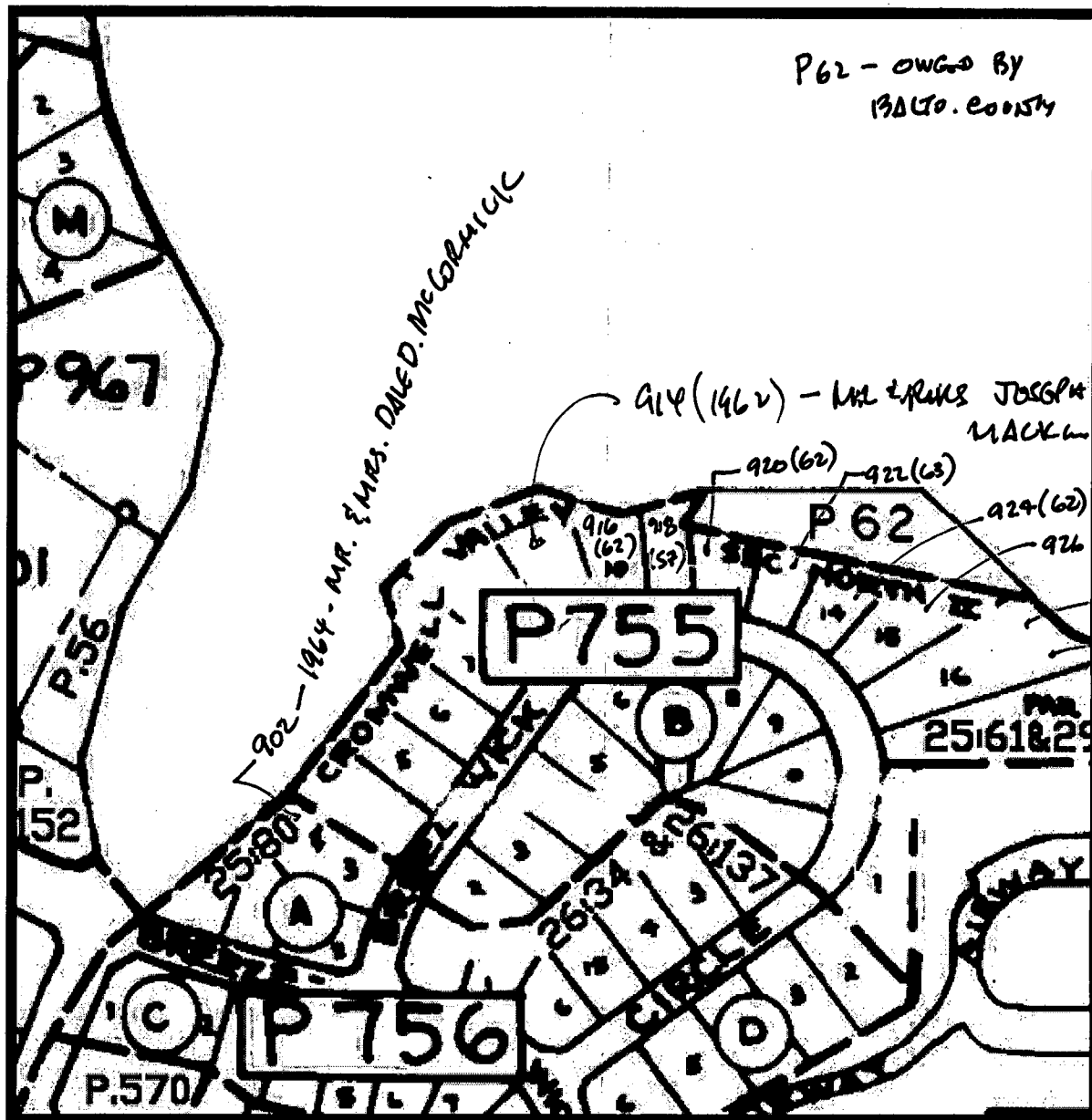
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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor
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Maryland Department of Transportation

May 25, 2006

The Honorable Emmett C. Burns, Jr.
Maryland House of Delegates
3600 Oak Avenue
Baltimore MD 21207-6314

Dear Delegate Burns:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Greenlawn-Windsor Park community regarding the sound barrier project along northbound I-695 just south of Windsor Mill Road in Baltimore County. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 7, 2006 from 7 to 9 p.m., in the cafeteria of the Woodmoor Elementary School, 3200 Elba Drive, Gwynn Oak, Maryland. Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the planned sound barrier for the community and to seek concurrence on the construction of the barrier from at least seventy-five percent of the impacted property owners who would benefit from the barrier. We will distribute vote cards at the meeting to impacted homeowners. Property owners considered to be impacted, and, therefore, eligible to vote, are those whose homes experience existing highway noise levels of sixty-six decibels or greater.

Property owners who are unable to attend will receive a summary of the meeting and copies of all materials distributed at the meeting approximately seven to ten days following the meeting. Impacted property owners who are unable to attend the meeting will also receive vote cards.

Your attendance at this meeting would be welcomed. If you have any questions or comments before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James D. Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, Office of Environmental Design, SHA at 410-545-8599, toll-free 800-446-5962 or via email at jhade@sha.state.md.us. SHA will be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,

Neil J. Pedersen
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design, SHA
Administration
James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA
Mr. David J. Malkowski, District Engineer, SHA

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Responding to letter dated: Invitation to 06-07-2006 SHA-hosted community meeting for the
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Maryland Department of Transportation

December 28, 2006

Mr. George G. Cardwell, AICP
Planning Administrator
Anne Arundel County Office of Planning and Zoning
2664 Riva Road, MS-6403
Annapolis MD 21401-7305

Dear Mr. Cardwell:

This letter is a follow-up to our recent meeting regarding Anne Arundel County's noise regulations. I appreciate the opportunity to provide a list of revised noise-sensitive use area setback distances from our fully controlled-access highways.

The following, revised setback table for various highways with wider sections was prepared using TNM version 2.5 and assumes a soft, flat ground relationship between the highway and the adjacent land with no barriers or obstacles. Noise-sensitive use areas with hard ground or water features between the use and the highway may require more distance than is listed. Conversely, a noise-sensitive use area that has a natural or artificial barrier, such as a berm, may yield smaller setback requirements. A thorough noise analysis will provide the best information relative to each proposed development.

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I-97	4 Lanes / 60 foot Median	380
	6 Lanes / 60 foot Median	485
	8 Lanes / 60 foot Median	550
I-97 / US 50 Interchange	10 Lanes / 24 foot Median	692
I-695	6 Lanes / 24 foot Median	583
	8 Lanes / 24 foot Median	600
MD 32	6 Lanes / 54 foot Median	450
US 50 / US301	6 Lanes / 50 foot Median	557
US 50, East of MD 2	6 Lanes / 24 foot Median	408
B/W Parkway	4 Lanes / 72-100 foot Median	322
	6 Lanes / 72-100 foot Median	443

Smaller medians may require greater setbacks.

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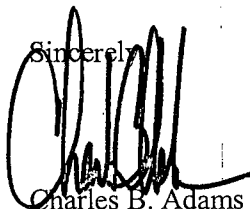
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I also wanted to follow up on our meeting of November 29 where we reviewed the noise analysis of a proposed subdivision along MD 10. The County forwarded a noise report which proposed traffic noise impacts in areas most home-owners would deem to be frequent human use areas. Given that Anne Arundel County forwarded the report to us to review for technical accuracy, we assumed that the County supported the proposed outcome to be acceptable. A review of the current Anne Arundel development regulation language indicates that noise levels of sixty-six decibels is acceptable to the County "at the building." This change in local regulations is inconsistent with the policy of the State Highway Administration, as well as that of the Federal Highway Administration, which encourages local jurisdictions to prevent noise-sensitive land uses from being developed adjacent to areas with impact levels of traffic noise. As a result, the State Highway Administration may not be able to honor requests to fund Type II noise abatement projects in Anne Arundel County until such time as this situation is rectified.

Thank for you for your continuing interest in the State's sound barrier program. If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James D. Hade, our Noise Abatement Team Leader, at 410-545-8599, toll-free 800-446-5962 or via email at jhade@sha.state.md.us. Mr. Hade will be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,



Charles B. Adams

Director

Office of Environmental Design

cc: James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration
Mr. Gregory D. Welker, District Engineer, State Highway Administration

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December 28, 2006

Mr. George G. Cardwell, AICP
Planning Administrator
Anne Arundel County Office of Planning and Zoning
2664 Riva Road, MS-6403
Annapolis MD 21401-7305

Dear Mr. Cardwell:

This letter is a follow-up to our recent meeting regarding the review of the Gerard Drive subdivision along MD Route 10 in Anne Arundel County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide our comments on the developer's, Brookshire Builders, Inc., noise evaluation as prepared by Staiano Engineering.

The noise evaluation presents data that indicates that, after the development is completed, there would still be traffic noise impacts for at least four of the properties in what most homeowners would consider to be frequent human-use areas. This outcome is inconsistent with the State's goal of encouraging local jurisdictions to prevent traffic noise impacts of sixty-six decibels or more for noise-sensitive land uses such as residential developments. The State Highway Administration strongly encourages Anne Arundel County not to approve such outcomes in these circumstances.

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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

August 11, 2006

Mr. George G. Cardwell, AICP
Planning Administrator
Anne Arundel County Office of Planning and Zoning
2664 Riva Road, MS-6403
Annapolis MD 21401-7305

Dear Mr. Cardwell:

This letter is a follow-up to our recent telephone conversation regarding Anne Arundel County's noise regulations. I appreciate the opportunity to provide a list of revised noise sensitive use area setback distances from our full control access highways, and the updated list, with costs, of Type II eligible communities.

The following, revised setback table was prepared using TNM version 2.5 and assumes a soft, flat ground relationship between the highway and the adjacent land with no barriers or obstacles. Noise-sensitive use areas with hard ground or water features between the use and the highway may require more distance than is listed. Conversely, a noise-sensitive use area that has a natural or artificial barrier, such as a berm, may yield smaller setback requirements. A thorough noise analysis will provide the best information relative to each proposed development.

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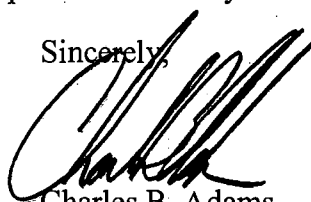
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The costs for the projects shown in the table below are adjusted for inflation for the year 2012. At this time, there are no funds available in the State's budget for these projects.

Community (In order of community age priority)	Hwy	2006 Estimate	County Share
Kirkley Road	US 50/301	Under study	Under study
North Linthicum	MD 295	\$3,955,297	\$791,059
Glendale Terrace / Glenchester	MD 10	\$1,281,749	\$256,350
Will-O-Brook / Brookfield	MD 100	\$6,781,619	\$1,356,324
Doll Apartments	MD 100	\$1,219,215	\$243,843
East Glen Burnie	MD 10	\$5,289,546	\$1,057,909
Lynnbrook (Extension West)	I-695	\$699,136	\$139,827
Acreslee	MD 10	\$2,446,976	\$489,395
Oakdale	I-97	\$2,239,825	\$447,965
Glenwood	MD 10	\$1,300,005	\$260,001
Old Hammonds Ferry Road	MD 295	\$316,988	\$63,398
Total		\$25,530,356	\$5,106,071

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Sincerely,



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Ted Severe

From: James Hade
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2006 12:09 PM
To: Ted Severe
Cc: Kenneth Polcak; Allen Jacobs; Gary Wantz
Subject: FW: AA County Noise Regulations

Ted:

Please prepare a folder and introductory response.

Thanks

James Hade, RLA
Noise Abatement Team Leader
Ph: 410-545-8599
Fx: 410-209-5003

From: Charles Adams
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2006 10:43 AM
To: James Hade
Subject: AA County Noise Regulations

Jim, I spoke with George Cardwell and we talked about their approach vs what we would expect from a local ordinance. Basically, as their approach stands, they feel that the back yard areas are the most often used and if homes are built with the front of the houses facing the highway that the homes themselves would serve to offer noise reduction in the back yard areas. I indicated that this discounts the concept of community, where residents would use sidewalks, front porches, etc. While no changes are likely until next year, they would like two things from us.

1. A list of revised set-backs that we indicated are available in our letter.
2. An updated list of eligible communities, including any that are under evaluation.

Please draft a letter to George Cardwell for my signature.

Thanks

Charlie

08/07/2006



Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor
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March 20, 2006

The Honorable Mary A. Conroy
Maryland House of Delegates
423 Lowe House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate ~~Conroy~~:

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The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Meadowbrook community regarding the sound barriers that are proposed along westbound MD 450 (Annapolis Road) at Moylan Drive in Prince George's County. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 29, 2006, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., at the residence of the Timon family, 12205 Marne Lane, in Bowie.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the sound barrier proposed for this project and to seek concurrence on the construction of a barrier from at least 75 percent of the owners whose homes are or will be *both impacted* by highway noise in the design year 2015 *and benefited* by a barrier. "Impacted" homes are those which are predicted to experience either: a 10 decibel increase in highway noise levels over existing conditions; or highway noise levels of 66 decibels or more that would be at least 3 decibels higher in 2015 than they would have been if the highway had not been built. "Benefited" homes are those for which a barrier will provide at least a 3-decibel reduction in highway noise (if they are impacted) or a 5-decibel reduction (if they are not impacted). We will distribute vote cards to qualifying owners who attend the meeting and will mail vote cards, along with materials that are distributed at the meeting, to qualifying owners who are unable to attend.

Your attendance at this meeting would be welcomed. If you have any questions or concerns before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James D. Hade, SHA's Noise Abatement Team Leader, at 410-545-8599, toll-free 800-446-5962 or via email at jhade@sha.state.md.us. Mr. Hade will be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,

Neil J. Pedersen

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Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA
James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA
Mr. Darrell B. Mobley, District Engineer, SHA

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Ms. Nanette M. Schieke, State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of Transportation
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Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Deputy Administrator for Planning and Engineering, SHA
Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Manager, SHA

Serial #: None

OED Serial#: None

Noise Customer #: 2775 (Mr. Richard R. Talbott)

Responding to letter dated: Invitation to SHA-hosted community meeting for the Meadowbrook community (Moylan Drive and Marne Lane) for Wednesday, 03-29-2006, at the Timon residence, 12205 Marne Lane, Bowie, Maryland

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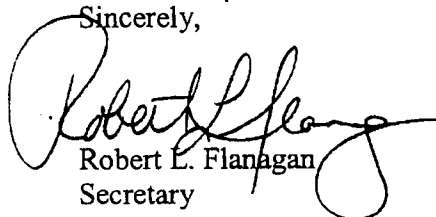
Dear Congressman Cummings:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of your constituent, Mr. Julius Uwansc, 6829 Richardson Road, Gwynn Oak, Maryland, regarding a sound barrier for the Featherbed Park community, which is located along the inner loop of I-695, north of Dogwood Road, in Baltimore County. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

The January 3, 2006 letter from Mr. Uwansc to Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration (SHA) has been answered by Mr. Adams. A copy of that letter is enclosed. The SHA will conduct a Type I sound barrier reanalysis of the Featherbed Park community, using the computer model, data, and criteria that were in effect for the 1997 widening improvements to I-695. We anticipate being able to complete the reanalysis and to report the findings by the end of August.

Thank you, again, for your letter and your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Adams at 410-545-8640, toll-free 800-446-5962 or via email at cadams@sha.state.md.us. SHA will be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly, if you prefer.

Sincerely,



Robert L. Flanagan
Secretary

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Julius O. Uwansc
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Enclosure:

Copy of 03-20-2006 letter from Mr. Charles B. Adams to Mr. Julius O. Uwansc

Serial #: WCS 23058

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Noise Customer #: 2921 (Mr. Julius O. Uwansc)

Responding to letter dated: Follow-up to 02-23-2006 letter from Con. Cummings to MDOT Sec. Flanagan on behalf of Mr. Julius O. Uwansc; Con. Cummings attached Mr. Uwansc's 01-03-2006 letter to Mr. Charles Adams; Con. Cummings wrote:

"I write today on behalf of Mr. Julius Uwansc and the residents of the Featherbed Park community who have been in contact with my office – and with the State Highway Administration (SHA) – asking for assistance in securing the installation of a sound barrier.

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Mr. Uwansc wrote to Mr. Charles B. Adams on 01-03-2006:

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Comment: The homes in the Featherbed community were built between 1966 and 1970 and not 1968 after the initial 2-lane construction of I-695 in 1962. Since then the highway has undergone two more improvements in 1966 and 1977. The truth of the matter is that, some homes in our community existed prior to or in 1966 when the third lane was added, and in 1977 when the fourth lane was added. So, our community has experienced two major highway improvements or expansions.

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"It is estimated that about 150,000+ vehicles use the I-695 daily and the number of decibels emitted by these vehicles have gone far beyond what is tolerable in a healthy society. We request that the SHA re-evaluate the sound decibels our neighborhood is exposed to, and the long term effect. (Ref to Washington, DC where black kids were exposed to Lead in their drinking water over many years, even though many residents cried out loud but no one listened until these kids started developed brain and neurological problems).

"CONCLUSION

"The Baltimore County Government and the State Highway Administration have treated the residents of these neighborhoods with disdain, ignominy and disrespect because of demography and the racial makeup of the neighborhood. It is the view of residents of these communities that if "we" were different or if we were "privileged", this sound barrier would have been built long time ago irrespective of policy or year it came into effect. For many years we have endured this problem...sleeping with it and waking up every morning to relive it again. It is rumored that some county officials designate our neighborhood as irrelevant, because we do not generate enough revenue for the County; therefore, we are as good as not been there. The County Executive and its Officers cannot convince us that it has no funds to augment what the SHA will allocate, or come up with a plan to minimize highway noise.

"It is time we state the reason why the sound barrier has not been built for the area that has been approved. In early 2000, the Greenlawn-Windsor Park area was found to be eligible for a Type II sound barrier under the State's Sound Barrier Program. Why is this project still in limbo? Is it the same reason of demography or economic base or race?

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"Our respected Hon. Representative, our Beloved County Executive and all respected Officers of the SHA, we have spoken our minds and whether it is truth or not remains to be seen in the way we are treated. It remains to be seen in the way our lives are slipping away due to environmental noise and hazards. It remains to be seen in the way we are chastised for speaking our minds. Race and demography play a role. Ninety-nine percent of the times in every issue in our country. No one wants to admit the truth. Action speaks louder than words, so the saying goes.

"Thank you for understanding us. God Bless.

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March 20, 2006

Mr. Julius O. Uwansc
Neighborhood Against Highway Noise
6829 Richardson Road
Gwynn Oak MD 21207-4137

Dear Mr. Uwansc:

This is a follow-up to your recent letter requesting a re-evaluation of the Featherbed Park community for a sound barrier along the inner loop of I-695, north of Dogwood Road in Baltimore County. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

Thank you for your thoughtful analysis of the information that has been sent to you and others regarding Featherbed Park's eligibility for a sound barrier. As we shared with Senator Cummings, the State Highway Administration (SHA) considers the need for sound barriers in two circumstances, designated "Type I" and "Type II." The revised Sound Barrier Policy that was adopted in May 1998 had various changes to the way we evaluate and consider barriers under Type I that were not in effect in 1977 and cannot be retroactively applied to previous decisions.

The Baltimore Beltway (I-695), in the vicinity of the Featherbed Park community, began construction in the 1950s but was not opened as a continuous system until 1962 with two lanes in each direction. In 1966, a third lane was added in the median in both directions. In our 1997 Type II analysis, all of the impacted homes were in section 'C' (lots 1 through 4 and 6 through 17) of Featherbed Park, which were constructed from 1968 through 1970. In 1977, a fourth lane was added in the median in both directions. The original highway and the first (1966) lane addition were designed and constructed before the study of environmental impacts became part of the highway-development process, as described above.

We were unable to locate specific noise study information relating to the 1977 widening, therefore, SHA will conduct a Type I sound barrier re-analysis of the Featherbed Park community using the model, data, and criteria in effect when the 1977 widening improvements were made. We anticipate being able to complete this re-analysis and report the findings by the end of August.

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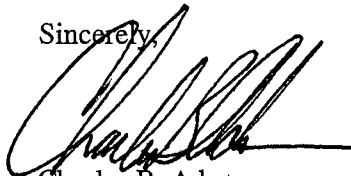
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Your letter referred to the delay in providing a sound barrier for the Greenlawn-Windsor Park community just north of the Mahogany Park and Featherbed Park communities. In early 2000, SHA announced that the Greenlawn-Windsor Park community met all of the technical requirements for a Type II sound barrier. In May 2000, Baltimore County agreed to fund 20 percent of the barrier construction cost for nine Type II sound barrier projects in Baltimore County. The construction cost matches were to be spread over Fiscal Years 2002 thru and including 2004. During that same time, the State began seeing strong increases in the cost of construction for sound barriers and other structures which pushed the costs of the projects much higher than originally anticipated. In May 2003, Baltimore County wrote to SHA and indicated that the County was not committing funds for the construction of any sound barrier projects until there was an improvement in the economic climate that Maryland and all of the counties were experiencing at that time. Therefore, the Baltimore County Type II sound barrier projects were shelved at the County's request until the economy improved and the County could recommit their funding match. In December 2004, Baltimore County determined that it could recommit funds for approved Type II sound barrier projects in the County. In September 2005, a joint Baltimore County/SHA announcement was made that five Baltimore County sound barrier projects were being funded: Woodholme Avenue (I-695 at MD 140), Priceville (I-83 at Belfast Road), Chesaco Avenue (outer loop I-695), Oriole Avenue (outer loop I-695) and Greenlawn-Windsor Park (I-695 at Windsor Mill Road). It is anticipated that construction activities for Greenlawn-Windsor Park will begin in the Summer of 2008. The project is estimated to take approximately one year to complete.

Thank you for your letter and your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James D. Hade, our Noise Abatement Team Leader, at 410-545-8599, toll-free 800-446-5962 or via email at jhade@sha.state.md.us. He will be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,



Charles B. Adams

Director

Office of Environmental Design

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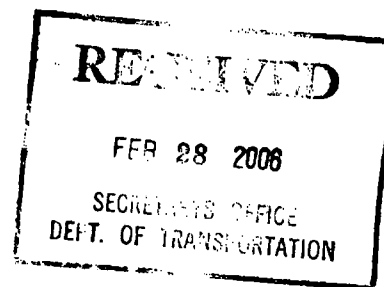
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elijah E. Cummings". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "E" and "C".

Elijah E. Cummings
Member of Congress

cc: Mr. Julius Uwansc



January 3, 2006

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Neighborhood Against Highway Noise
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Gwynn Oak, MD 21207

To: Mr. Charles B. Adams
Director of Environmental Design
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Re: Sound Barrier Request - Featherbed Park (Richardson & Lenbarn) I-695
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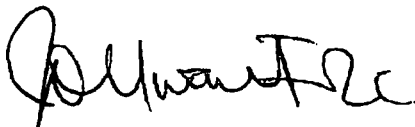
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Route Assignments**Case ID: 23058 Cummings, Elijah E.**

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Baltimore, MD 21244
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Stand on issue: Neither
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Current Owner: Helene, Irene
Date Assigned: 02/28/2006
Deadline Date: 03/07/2006
Date Closed:
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External Code:
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barrier.

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Ted Severe

To: Irene Heline
Cc: James Hade; Charles Adams
Subject: RE: WCS Message Re: Case ID 23058

Dear Irene - We are in the process of responding to Mr. Uwansc's letter of 01-03-2006 to Charlie Adams (the attached letter with Con. Cummings' letter) for Charlie's signature. Jim has that response. It is anticipated that the response should be going out in a day or so. Con. Cummings is cc'd on that response. Can we find out from the Administration (either the 4th Floor or MDOT) if that cc will be a sufficient response to the Congressman? If not, would our response to the WCS letter from the Congressman be such that it acknowledges that we have responded to Charlie's letter and that a copy of that response is attached? Thanks for checking for us.

Sincerely,
Ted Severe
Administrative Assistant
Noise Abatement Team
Office of Environmental Design

-----Original Message-----

From: Irene Heline
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2006 7:33 AM
To: Ted Severe
Subject: FW: WCS Message Re: Case ID 23058

Ted,

FYI,

Irene

-----Original Message-----

From: MDOT Workflow Control System [mailto:WCS]
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2006 4:00 PM
To: Irene Heline
Subject: WCS Message Re: Case ID 23058

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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor
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Maryland Department of Transportation

October 18, 2006

The Honorable Steven J. DeBoy, Sr.
Maryland House of Delegates
5408 East Drive
Arbutus MD 21227-3604

Dear Delegate ~~DeBoy~~ ^{Steve}:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Relay community, adjacent to I-195 in Baltimore County, regarding the following proposed sound barriers:

- *Francis Avenue – South*, along southbound I-195 from just north to just south of Francis Avenue;
- *Cedar Heights/Saint Dennis*, along southbound I-195 from just north of Cedar Avenue to well onto the ramp to Washington Boulevard (US 1); and
- *Francis Avenue – North/Richardson Mews Square*, along northbound I-195 from Cedar Avenue to just north of Francis Avenue.

The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15, 2006, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Relay Elementary School, 5885 Selford Road, Halethorpe. Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed sound barriers for the community and to seek concurrence on the construction of each barrier from at least seventy-five percent of the impacted property owners who would benefit from that barrier. We will distribute vote cards at the meeting to those impacted property owners. Impacted property owners who are eligible to vote are those whose homes experience existing highway noise levels of sixty-six decibels or greater.

Property owners who are unable to attend this meeting will receive a summary of the meeting and copies of all materials distributed at the meeting approximately seven to ten days following the meeting. Voting cards will also be included for impacted property owners who are unable to attend the meeting. Currently, this project is funded only for design.

My telephone number/toll-free number is 410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770

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Your attendance at this meeting would be welcomed. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James D. Hade, SHA's Noise Abatement Team Leader, at 410-545-8599, toll-free 800-446-5962 or via email at jhade@sha.state.md.us. Mr. Hade will be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly, if you prefer.

Sincerely,



Neil J. Pedersen
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design, SHA
James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA
Mr. David J. Malkowski, District Engineer, SHA

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bcc: Ms. Valerie Burnette Edgar, Director of Communications, SHA
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Mr. Edward B. Miller, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor – sent by TAO
Ms. Nanette M. Schieke, State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of
Transportation
Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, SHA
Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Deputy Administrator for Planning and Engineering, SHA
Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Manager, SHA
Ms. Frances Ward, Community Liaison, SHA

Serial #: None

OED Serial#: None

Noise Customer #: 307, 1061, 1062, 1481, 2728, 2752, 3020

Responding to letter dated: Invitation to the elected officials (State and County) for the Relay community to attend an SHA-hosted community informational meeting on 11-15-2006 in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Relay Elementary School, 5885 Selford Road, Halethorpe, MD; meeting is from 7:00 to 9:00 pm with displays available from 6:30 to 7:00 pm

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Michael S. Steele, Lt. Governor

Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary
Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Maryland Department of Transportation

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May 25, 2006

The Honorable James E. DeGrange, Sr.
Senate of Maryland
120 James Senate Office Building
110 College Avenue
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator ~~DeGrange~~ Ed

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Fernglan Manor community regarding the sound barrier that is proposed along northbound I-97 from the end of the existing sound barrier at Broadway Avenue to the Wellham Avenue overpass in Anne Arundel County. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 15, 2006, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Cafeteria of the North County High School, 19 East First Avenue, Glen Burnie, Maryland. Before the meeting, displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed sound barrier for the community and to seek concurrence on the construction of the barrier from at least seventy-five percent of the impacted property owners that would benefit from the barriers. We will distribute vote cards at the meeting to those impacted homeowners. Impacted property owners who are eligible to vote are those whose homes experience existing highway noise levels of sixty-six decibels or greater.

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Your attendance at this meeting would be welcomed. If you have any questions or concerns before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James D. Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, Office of Environmental Design, SHA at 410-545-8599, toll-free 800-446-5962 or via email at jhade@sha.state.md.us. SHA will be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Neil J. Pedersen

Neil J. Pedersen
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA
James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA
Mr. Gregory Welker, District Engineer, SHA

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Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, SHA
Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Deputy Administrator for Planning and Engineering, SHA
Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Manager, SHA

Serial #: None

OED Serial#: None

Noise Customer #:

Responding to letter dated: Invitation to SHA-hosted community information meeting for the Fernglen Manor community on Thursday, 06-15-2006, in the cafeteria of the North County High School, 10 E. First Avenue, Glen Burnie, MD; meeting begins at 7:00 pm with display viewing beginning at 6:30 pm

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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor
Michael S. Steele, Lt. Governor

State Highway Administration
Maryland Department of Transportation

Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary
Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

October 24, 2006

The Honorable Thomas E. Dernoga
Prince George's County Council
2nd Floor
County Administration Building
14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772-3043

Dear ~~Councilman~~ Dernoga: ^{Tom}

Thank you for your letter to Mr. James D. Hade, the State Highway Administration's (SHA) Noise Abatement Team Leader. You wrote regarding the sound barrier for the White Oak Manor community, adjacent to eastbound I-495 from Riggs Road to just east of the cul-de-sac at the end of Lackawanna Street, in Prince George's County. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

Please be assured that funding for the sound barrier for the White Oak Manor community is being considered in the context of our overall highway needs as we work to update our Consolidated Transportation Program. As I know that you are aware, our needs are greater than available funding, and we strive to strike a balance as funding priorities are decided.

Thank you, again, for your letter and your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA at 410-545-8640, toll-free 800-446-5962 or via email at cadams@sha.state.md.us. Mr. Adams will be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Neil J. Pedersen
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA
James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA
The Honorable Victor R. Ramirez, Member, Maryland House of Delegates

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bcc: Ms. Valerie Burnette Edgar, Director of Communications, State Highway Administration
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Mr. Darrell B. Mobley, District Engineer, State Highway Administration
Ms. Nanette M. Schieke, State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration
Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Deputy Administrator/Chief Engineer for Planning and Engineering, State Highway Administration
Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Manager, State Highway Administration

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Noise Customer #:

Responding to letter dated: Follow-up to 10-11-2006 letter from Councilman Dernoga to Mr. James Hade, SHA Noise Abatement Team Leader, regarding funding of the sound barrier project for the White Oak Manor community; Councilman Dernoga wrote:

"Seven years ago the State Highway Administration found that a portion of the White Oak Manor community from Riggs Road to east of the cul-de-sac at the end of Lackawanna Street met the technical criteria for a Type II sound barrier. Prince George's County agreed to fund 20% of the cost. Unfortunately this project had never been scheduled for construction.

"Recently, Victor R. Ramirez, Delegate for District 47, brought to my attention that all sound barrier funds for construction have been committed through FY2010. I understand that consolidated transportation meetings, to discuss the reprioritizing of various projects, will be scheduled in the near future. When these meetings convene I would like to request and urge the you, please, look into this project, reconsider it priority and schedule construction of the White Oak Manor sound barriers in the near future. The residents of Prince George's County have been waiting seven years for this approved project. It has been delayed long enough.

"If you have any questions or would like to discuss this project further, please do not hesitate to contact me at my office. Thank you for considering my request."

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THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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County Council
THOMAS E. DERNOGA
Chairman

October 11, 2006

Mr. James Hade, RLA
Noise Abatement Team Leader
State Highway Administration
Maryland Department of Transportation
707 North Calvert Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: *Sound Barriers for the White Oak Community*

Dear Mr. Hade:

Seven years ago the State Highway Administration found that a portion of the White Oak Manor community from Riggs Road to east of the cul-de-sac at the end of Lackawanna Street met the technical criteria for a Type II sound barrier. Prince George's County agreed to fund 20% of the cost. Unfortunately this project has never been scheduled for construction.

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If you have any questions or would like to discuss this project further, please do not hesitate to contact me at my office. Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Thomas E. Dernoga", is written over a horizontal line.

Thomas E. Dernoga

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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor
Michael S. Steele, Lt. Governor

Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary
Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Maryland Department of Transportation

July 3, 2006

The Honorable Roy P. Dyson
Senate of Maryland
Aud Office Building, Unit 2, Route 5
P.O. Box 229
Great Mills MD 20634-0229

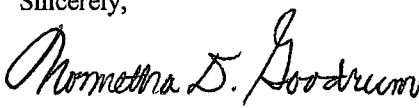
Dear Senator Dyson:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Heards Estates community regarding the sound barrier project along southbound MD 237 (Chancellors Run Road) between Norris Drive and Strickland Road in Saint Mary's County. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 27, 2006, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Bay District Volunteer Fire Department, Station 9, 45774 Fire Department Lane, California, Maryland (corner of Chancellors Run Road and Fire Department Lane). Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the sound barrier proposed for this project and to seek concurrence on the construction of the barrier from at least seventy-five percent of the owners whose homes will be *both impacted* by highway noise in the design year (2025) *and benefited* by a barrier. "Impacted" homes are those which are predicted to experience highway noise levels of 66 decibels or more that would be at least 3 decibels higher in 2025 than they would have been if the highway had not been built. "Benefited" homes are those for which a barrier will provide at least a three-decibel reduction in highway noise (if they are impacted) or a five-decibel reduction (if they are not impacted). We will distribute vote cards to qualifying owners who attend the meeting and will mail vote cards, along with materials that are distributed at the meeting, to qualifying owners who are unable to attend.

Your attendance at this meeting would be welcomed. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James D. Hade, SHA's Noise Abatement Team Leader, at 410-545-8599, toll-free 800-446-5962 or via email at jhade@sha.state.md.us. Mr. Hade will be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly, if you prefer.

Sincerely,


for Neil J. Pedersen
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design, SHA
Mr. Jeffrey Folden, Project Engineer, Community Design Division, Office of Highway Development, State Highway Administration
James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA
Mr. Gregory D. Welker, District Engineer, SHA

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Mr. Edward B. Miller, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor – sent by TAO
Mr. Darrell Sacks, Environmental Analyst, Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering, SHA
Ms. Nanette M. Schieke, State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, SHA
Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Deputy Administrator for Planning and Engineering, SHA
Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Manager, SHA

Serial #: None

OED Serial#: None

Noise Customer #: 2917 (Ms. Sylvia P. Rineer)

Responding to letter dated: Invitation to 07-27-2006 SHA-hosted community information meeting at the Bay District Volunteer Fire Department, Station 9, 45774 Fire Dept Lane, California, MD; displays available from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm, meeting begins at 7:00 pm

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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor
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Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary
Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Maryland Department of Transportation

May 24, 2006

The Honorable Brian E. Frosh
Senate of Maryland
Suite 800 West
7315 Wisconsin Avenue
Bethesda, Maryland 20814-3217

Dear ~~Senator~~ ^{Brian} Frosh:

Thank you for meeting with Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's (SHA) Director of Environmental Design, earlier this year regarding a sound barrier for the Carderock Springs community, located along the outer loop of I-495 between Seven Locks and Persimmon Tree Roads, in Montgomery County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide the following information.

The SHA will initiate detailed preliminary engineering studies to confirm or revise the current cost estimate for a barrier for this community. It is anticipated that this information will be available by the end of this year, and we will be happy to provide you with it as soon as it is ready.

At the February 8 meeting, questions were raised with regard to the funding position that Carderock Springs might have relative to other communities that are eligible for sound barriers. The communities of White Oak in Prince George's County and Relay in Baltimore County have firm funding commitments from their respective counties. The Consolidated Transportation Program shows \$31.6 million in the program period for sound barrier construction, which has been allocated to projects that are either under construction or will be under construction during the program period through 2011. In FY 2007, \$7.8 million has been allocated for the construction of Type II sound barrier commitments made in year 2000. At this time, the State does not have enough funds allocated to start construction on both the White Oak and Relay projects. With a written commitment from Montgomery County pursuant to Secretary Robert L. Flanagan's letter of February 21, 2006, Carderock Springs could be placed next in line after these two projects, if no other counties make financial commitments for eligible Type II barriers first. Please understand that this is not a commitment to fund a barrier for Carderock Springs in any particular year.

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Thank you, again, for meeting with Mr. Adams and for your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Adams at 410-545-8640, toll-free 800-446-5962 or via email at cadams@sha.state.md.us. He will be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Neil J. Pedersen

Neil J. Pedersen
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Environmental Design, SHA

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Ms. Amber Rhodes, Environmental Analyst, Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering, SHA
Ms. Nanette M. Schieke, State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, SHA
Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Deputy Administrator for Planning and Engineering, SHA
Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Manager, SHA

Serial #: None

OED Serial#: None

Noise Customer #: 2961 (Mr. Anthony J. Segreti, Jr.)

Responding to letter dated: Follow-up to 02-08-2006 meeting in Annapolis between Sen. Frosh, Dels. Bronrott and Lee, Mr. Charles B. Adams and several representatives of the Carderock Springs community (including Mr. Anthony J. Segreti, Jr.) regarding the status of a sound barrier for the Carderock Springs community

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Ted Severe

From: James Hade
Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2006 4:35 PM
To: Ted Severe
Cc: Kenneth Polcak; Dan Uebersax
Subject: FW: Noise follow-ups from 3/31 meeting with Administrator Pedersen

Ted:

Please revise the folder for Frosh for Charlie's Carderock Springs note below.

James Hade, RLA
Noise Abatement Team Leader
Ph: 410-545-8599
Fx: 410-209-5003

From: Charles Adams
Sent: Monday, April 03, 2006 2:56 PM
To: James Hade
Subject: Noise follow-ups from 3/31 meeting with Administrator Pedersen

Jim, these are the notes I have from last week's meeting

Kirkley Road

- We need to move ahead with enough preliminary engineering to identify constructability and cost. I send an email response to Catherine Quaid this morning indicating what we have been requested to do.
- Where would this area fall on priority as a Type II?
- Are there any areas where we didn't construct a barrier under Type I and subsequently reversed that decision?
- Need to determine exposure in circumstances where Type I barriers were indicated but not subsequently built and why they were not built.

Carderock Springs

- We need to draft a letter to Sen. Frosh and the delegation indicating that we will be moving ahead with additional preliminary design to get a firmer idea of cost and the timeframe for that design.

Are there other things that you noted?

charlie

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Ted Severe

From: James Hade
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2006 7:51 AM
To: Ted Severe
Subject: Letter to Sen. Frosh for Niel

Ted:
Please prepare a folder, and start a letter.

Thank you for meeting with Mr. Chas Ad.. on Feb... regarding s.barriers for Carderoc...

This letter answers questions you raised...

James Hade, RLA
Noise Abatement Team Leader
Ph: 410-545-8599
Fx: 410-209-5003

From: Charles Adams
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2006 8:14 AM
To: James Hade
Subject:

Jim, please draft a letter to Senator Frosh. The questions he asked that need to be addressed are:

What projects at this point are ahead of Carderock Springs in the queue for sound barrier funding?

How much funding is included in the CTP for sound barriers in FY 2007?

Thanks

Charlie

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James Hade

From: James Hade
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2006 9:47 AM
To: Charles Adams
Cc: Dan Uebersax
Subject: Response to Senator Frosh

Charlie:

I need to sit down and talk with you about our response to Senator Frosh regarding the question of financial commitments to barriers.

Here is a table of my research, which shows that after the Baltimore County barriers, technically, Carderock would be next, and if they pressed for copies of all letters from county officials indicating commitments, they could make the argument that Carderock would come ahead of the Baltimore County barriers.

This assumes, of course, that SHA will consider their vote cards as a "written financial commitment". However the vote cards made no mention of a financial commitment, and I don't believe that we have anything in writing from Montgomery County agreeing to fund....

The draft letter for the Secretary's signature to Mr. Segretti. says:

"In order for the State to consider funding for this barrier project in the future, however, Montgomery County will need to agree, in writing, to advance the cost of construction of the Carderock Springs sound barrier that is above the \$1.4 million State allotment ..."

Date	Letter	Effect
10/12/1999	PG: will fund up to \$2.6M (with aesthetic conditions) toward barriers.	White Oak was completely outside the County's ability to fund with the revised estimates. (County was \$234K short, White Oak county share was first listed at \$292K)
6/2/2000	BA Co: Fred Homan, to PFW- \$4.29 M to fund commitments	When Baltimore County wrote that, they had committed to the entire request and that all 9 projects were funded.
5/11/ 2001	To Sec.Porcari from Parker Williams, requesting direction on requiring county share of additional aesthetic costs. (context was PG County conditional funding letter based on brick and art barriers)	SHA received direction to attribute any cost above standard barrier to County. (not in writing to Noise Team)
8/3/2001	Carderock Springs residents agree that they want abatement via SHA vote cards. (reached 75%)	In the past SHA has never considered a vote card as a financial commitment. SHA has consistently communicated that the community needs to coordinate with the County.
4/3/2002	Ed Adams to PFW: ...Spiraling costs... Best interest to delay further action on MOU until a full resolution of all fiscal issues associated with the program is reached.	SHA stops design work on all BA County projects.

02/17/2006

9/13/02	PFW to Dutch Ruppersberger Increases in costs. We understand that BA County desires to hold any new barrier construction until the next county administration.	
9/13/02	PFW to Wayne Curry: revised estimates to include share of Design cost for White Oak.	White Oak cost = \$1.8M, county share \$390K
11/12/03	To Betty Hagar Francis from CBA County must fund 100% of cost above standard barrier for aesthetic treatments for Powder Mill, Knollwood, Hollywood	White Oak was not discussed, but costs would increase by adding aesthetics.
6/20/05	PG: Director DPWT to CBA: We will fund White Oak...	Not yet funded
10/11/05	CBA to Mr. Hajazi: Thanks White Oak estimate is now \$2.052M, county share \$410.4K. At this time all Type II funds have been programmed for other projects.	
12/6/05	Ed Adams to Neil P.: We're back in for up to \$3.227M	Community of Relay is left on the table.

James Hade, RLA
Noise Abatement Team Leader
Ph: 410-545-8599
Fx: 410-209-5003

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The File

FROM: Charles B. Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design

DATE: February 9, 2006

SUBJECT: Summary of meeting regarding a sound barrier for the Carderock Springs community.

On February 8, 2006, I met with Senator Brian Frosh, Delegates Bill Bronrott and Susan Lee and several members of the Carderock Springs community regarding their request for a sound barrier. Carderock Springs is located adjacent to the outer loop of the Capital Beltway in Montgomery County, between River Road and Persimmon Tree Road.

Carderock Springs is one of the six (6) original communities covered in the CABN agreement dated August 1989, but did not choose to pursue the offer made by SHA to share in the cost of a sound barrier. Subsequently, in January 2000, after a renewed request for a sound barrier from the community, Governor Parris Glendening agreed to re-extend the original CABN offer to those communities that did not choose to pursue barriers originally. Meetings were held with the community in 2000- 2001 to share information about the process for pursuing a funding agreement with Montgomery County and SHA. It was indicated at that time that there was no funding available for a barrier through SHA FY 2006 and that the earliest that funding might become available was FY 2007. The community took that to mean that a barrier would be funded by SHA in FY 2007. It was explained in a letter under Administrator Pedersen's signature that no funding for new sound barrier projects was available through FY 2010. The community requested a meeting through Senator Frosh to present their case for funding.

After lengthy discussion about the funding process for sound barriers, the community made several requests as follows:

1. Is Carderock Springs in the queue for sound barrier funding?

The community was asked to poll the impacted homeowners in 2007 to determine if a minimum of 75% were in favor of pursuing funding for a barrier. This requirement was met in August 2001. The community feels that this should be the date that established when they became "in-line" for funding, as they had made the commitment to pursue and Montgomery County had agreed to participate based on the original CABN agreement.

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2. If the answer to Question 1 is that they joined the funding queue in 2001, how many other communities are in front of them?

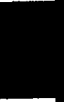
I indicated that there were several communities that have been waiting for funding long before 2001, in Baltimore and Prince Georges Counties, where we have a funding commitment from those counties when state funding becomes available. I also indicated that there are a number of communities that meet the eligibility criteria in Anne Arundel and Howard counties, but we have not yet gotten a commitment for the local funding for these communities. Senator Frosh asked for a letter confirming that information. He also asked how much funding for sound barriers was included in SHA's capital program for FY 2007.

3. Community representatives asked that the \$40,000/residence figure be raised to the current \$50,000/residence threshold because as costs have escalated over time, the \$40,000/residence has remained static.

I indicated that I would raise this question within SHA.

4. They also asked if a meeting with Secretary Flanagan would be of any benefit to their case?

I indicated that they certainly could request such a meeting. They indicated that they would pursue this from the Governor's office on down.



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February 28, 2006

The Honorable Larry Giammo
Mayor, City of Rockville
Rockville City Hall
111 Maryland Avenue
Rockville MD 20850-2365

Dear Mayor Giammo:

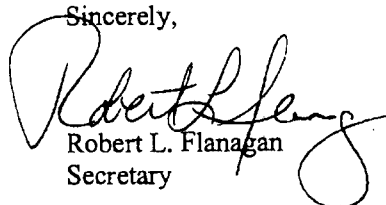
Thank you for your letter of support for Delegate Luiz R.S. Simmons regarding noise abatement for the West End Park community, adjacent to northbound I-270 north of the I-270/MD 28 interchange in Rockville, Montgomery County. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to you.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) has reviewed the 1983 environmental noise analysis, which was conducted for the improvements to I-270, from the I-270 Y (spur) to MD 121. While Woodley Gardens Park was analyzed and found not to be eligible for abatement, it appears that the West End Park Community may have been assumed to have the same relationship to the proposed highway improvements as the park and, therefore, to fail eligibility under the same criteria.

A review of current topographic information, however, shows that the West End Park community does not have the same physical relationship to the highway as Woodley Gardens Park. The SHA will conduct a Type I sound barrier reanalysis of the West End Park community. This reanalysis will use the original ambient noise and traffic prediction data and will include a more thorough analysis of the homes closest to I-270 on Owens Court, Owens Street, and Nelson Street. The SHA will then determine whether the community would have been eligible for a sound barrier, had it been analyzed in this manner in 1983. We anticipate that this reanalysis will be completed by the end of March and will be pleased to provide the results to you when they are available.

Thank you again for your letter. If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA, at 410-545-8640, toll-free 800-446-5962 or via email at cadams@sha.state.md.us. SHA will be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,


Robert L. Flanagan
Secretary

My telephone number is 410-865-1000
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7201 Corporate Center Drive, Hanover, Maryland 21076

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The Honorable Susan R. Hoffman, Member, Rockville City Council
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Serial #: WCS 22937

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Noise Customer #:

Responding to letter dated: Follow-up to 02-07-2006 letter from Mayor Giammo to MDOT Sec. Flanagan supporting efforts of Del. Luiz Simmons to “revise state policy regarding noise walls and to secure funds for mitigation measures for residential units impacted by noise generated by I-270”;

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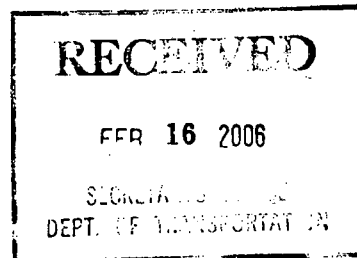


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February 7, 2006

The Honorable Robert Flanagan,
Secretary of Transportation
Maryland Department of Transportation
7201 Corporate Center Drive
Hanover, Maryland 21076



Dear Secretary Flanagan:

On behalf of the Mayor and Council of Rockville, I want to express my support for the efforts undertaken by Delegate. Luiz Simmons to revise state policy regarding noise walls and to secure funds for mitigation measures for residential units impacted by noise generated by I-270.

Rockville conducted a citywide noise study in 2005, which indicated that at least two Rockville neighborhoods along I-270 experience noise levels greater than 66dBA. The report states that primary options for noise mitigation measures in these neighborhoods may include sound barriers such as noise walls or earth berms.

The City of Rockville concurs with Delegate Simmons' assertion that the State Highway Administration should give this matter serious consideration. Rockville is very proud of its great neighborhoods. We believe that abating noise in the impacted neighborhoods is critical to preserving the livability of our community.

I appreciate your attention to this matter. Efforts to relieve residents from excessive noise in Rockville are consistent with state policy, and I welcome the creation and implementation of a remedy to this most important issue. Again, thank you for your consideration of this important request.

Best regards,

LARRY GIAMMO

Larry Giammo
Mayor
City of Rockville

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Correspondence Details**Case ID: 22937 Giammo, Larry**

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May 25, 2006

The Honorable Terry R. Gilleland, Jr.
Maryland House of Delegates
161 House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate ~~Gilleland~~ ^{Terry}:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Fernglen Manor community regarding the sound barrier that is proposed along northbound I-97 from the end of the existing sound barrier at Broadway Avenue to the Wellham Avenue overpass in Anne Arundel County. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 15, 2006, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Cafeteria of the North County High School, 19 East First Avenue, Glen Burnie, Maryland. Before the meeting, displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed sound barrier for the community and to seek concurrence on the construction of the barrier from at least seventy-five percent of the impacted property owners that would benefit from the barriers. We will distribute vote cards at the meeting to those impacted homeowners. Impacted property owners who are eligible to vote are those whose homes experience existing highway noise levels of sixty-six decibels or greater.

Property owners who are unable to attend this meeting will receive a summary of the meeting and copies of all materials distributed at the meeting approximately seven to ten days following the meeting. Voting cards will also be included for impacted property owners who are unable to attend the meeting.

My telephone number/toll-free number is 410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770

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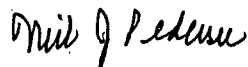
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Your attendance at this meeting would be welcomed. If you have any questions or concerns before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James D. Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, Office of Environmental Design, SHA at 410-545-8599, toll-free 800-446-5962 or via email at jhade@sha.state.md.us. SHA will be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Neil J. Pedersen
Administrator

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James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA
Mr. Gregory Welker, District Engineer, SHA

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Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Manager, SHA

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Responding to letter dated: Invitation to SHA-hosted community information meeting for the Fernglen Manor community on Thursday, 06-15-2006, in the cafeteria of the North County High School, 10 E. First Avenue, Glen Burnie, MD; meeting begins at 7:00 pm with display viewing beginning at 6:30 pm

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Maryland Department of Transportation

March 27, 2006

The Honorable Leo E. Green
Senate of Maryland
2 East Wing
Miller Senate Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Green:

Thank you for your letter to Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, requesting that noise level measurements be taken along Central Avenue (MD 214), east of Church Road, in Prince George's County. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your request.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) considers the need for sound barriers in two circumstances, designated "Type I" and "Type II." In "Type I" situations, barriers are considered when a new highway is being built or an existing highway is being expanded. At this time, we have no immediate plans to improve this portion of MD 214 that would warrant a Type I sound barrier evaluation.

When a highway already exists and is *not* being expanded—so that Type I criteria do not apply—communities may be considered for our "Type II," or "retrofit," sound barrier program. The intent of the Type II program is to address areas of noise impact along controlled-access highways that were built before environmental analyses became a part of the highway development process. A controlled-access highway is one with interchanges, rather than at-grade intersections. As MD 214 is not a fully controlled-access highway, this area is not eligible for consideration of a Type II sound barrier. Based on the above information, we must respectfully deny your request for a highway traffic noise study along MD 214 east of Church Road.

The SHA has a project to enhance several storm water management facilities at several locations in Prince George's County. One of these locations is between Central Avenue (MD 214) and Jerimiah Lane. This project will improve the drainage in this area. In order to make the improvements, trees will have to be removed. Landscaping is included in the project, however, and trees ultimately will be replaced in the project area. Construction is anticipated to begin this Summer for this particular storm water management area.

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Thank you, again, for your letter and continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have additional questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Adams at 410-545-8640, toll-free 800-446-5962 or via email at cadams@sha.state.md.us. He will be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly, if you prefer.

Sincerely,

Neil J. Pedersen

Neil J. Pedersen
Administrator

cc: The Honorable Marvin E. Holmes, Jr., Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Douglas J.J. Peters, Member, Prince George's County Council
Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA

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Responding to letter dated: Follow-up to 02-17-2006 letter from Sen. Green to Mr. Charles Adams requesting a highway traffic noise level study for the portion of Central Avenue (MD 214) east of Church Road near the Collington Station community in Prince George's County; Sen. Green wrote:

"This letter is to request the State Highway Administration do a sound barriers test for sound levels at Central Avenue at Collington Station. If you have any questions, please call me.

"Thank you."

Sen. Green had a handwritten postscript: *"P.S They are building a new wast[e] treatment pond an[d] the trees are being destroyed [indecipherable word]"*

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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401-1991

February 17, 2006

Mr. Charles Adams, Director
Office of Environmental Design
State Highway Administration
707 N. Calvert Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Mr. Adams

This letter is to request the State Highway Administration do a sound barriers test for sound levels at Central Avenue at Collington Station. If you have any questions, please call me.

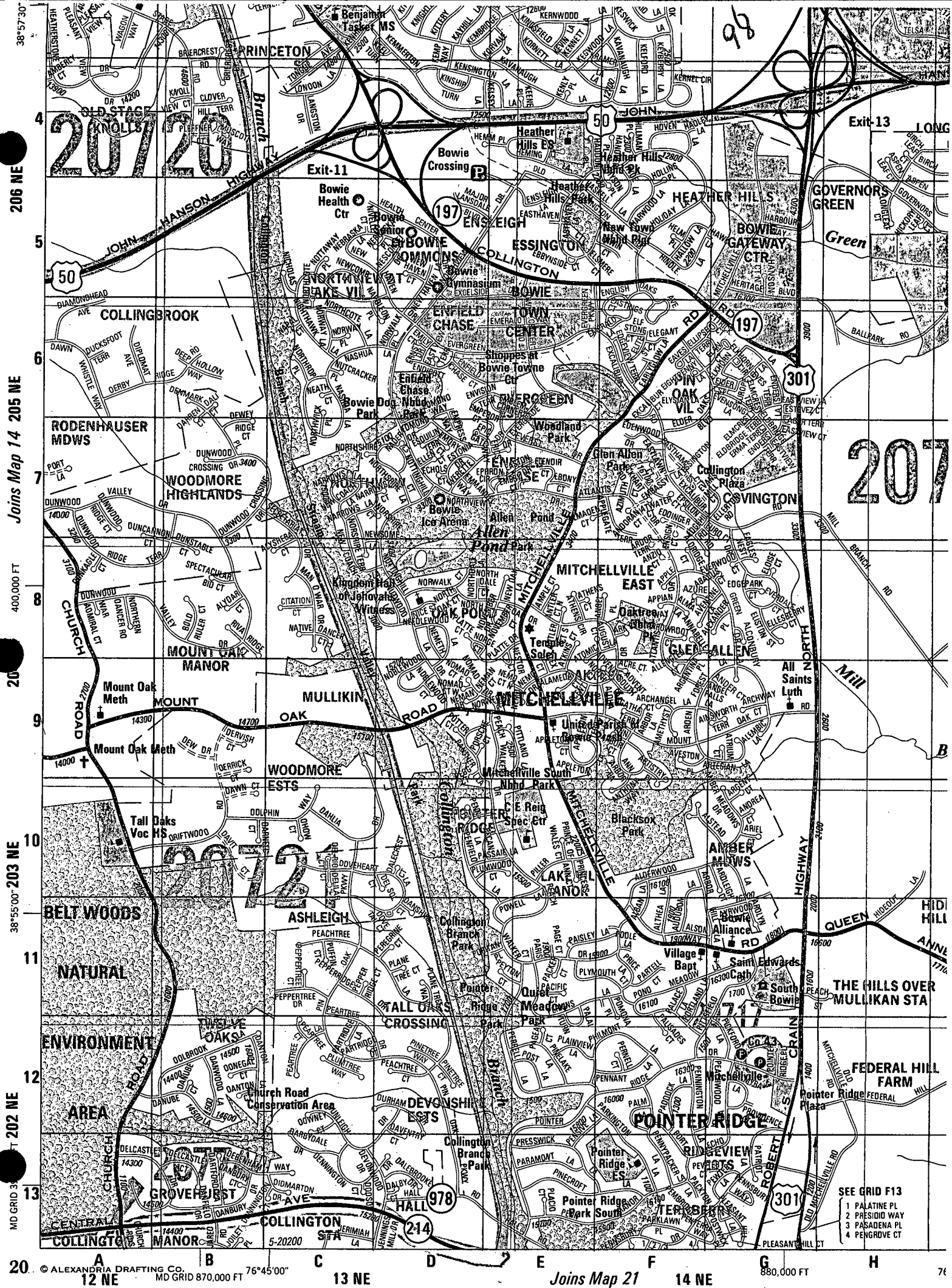
Thank you.

Sincerely,

Leo E. Green
State Senator
23rd District

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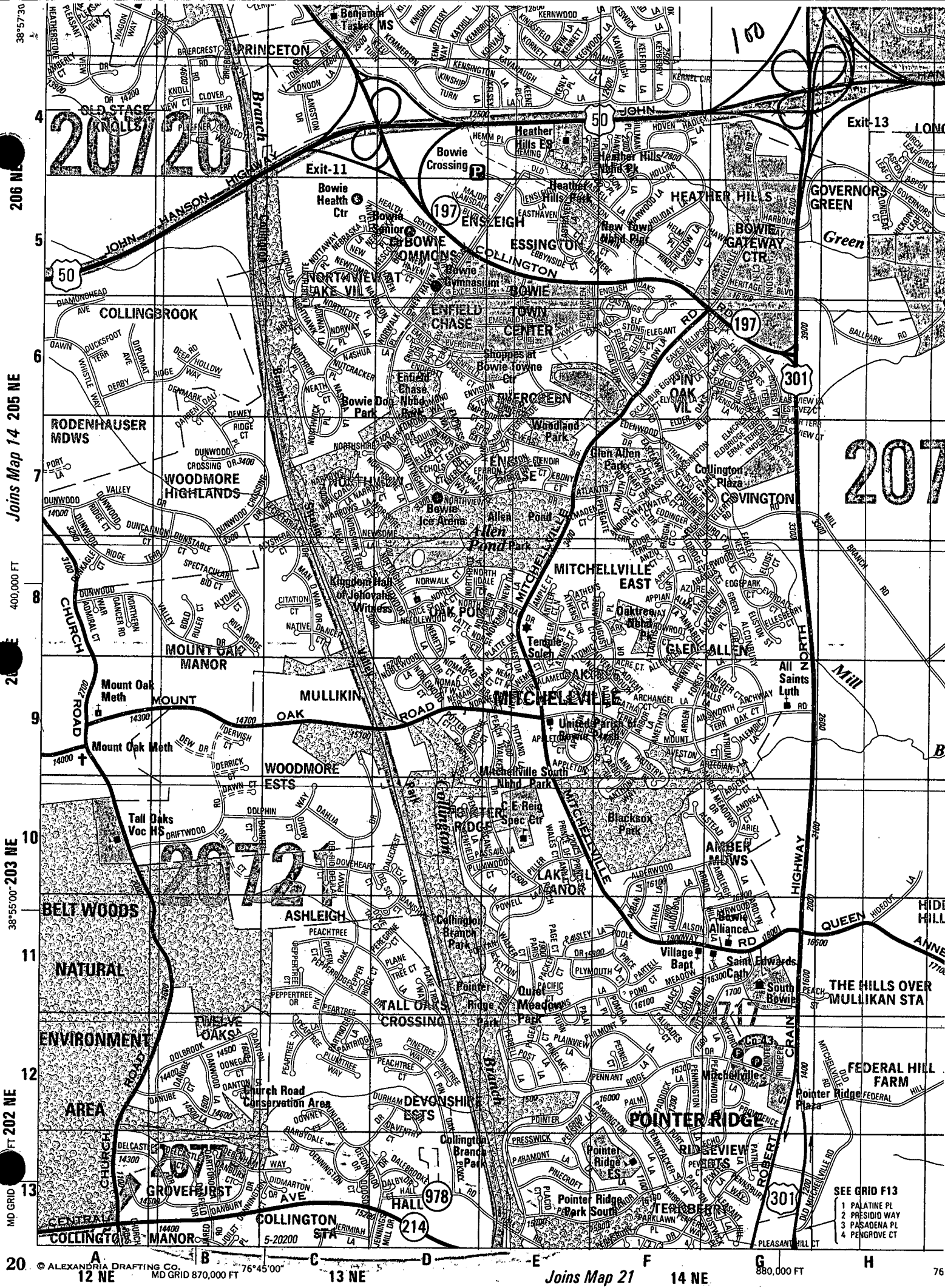


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March 20, 2006

The Honorable Leo E. Green
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2 East Wing
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Dear Senator ~~Green~~: *Leo*

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Meadowbrook community regarding the sound barriers that are proposed along westbound MD 450 (Annapolis Road) at Moylan Drive in Prince George's County. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 29, 2006, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., at the residence of the Timon family, 12205 Marne Lane, in Bowie.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the sound barrier proposed for this project and to seek concurrence on the construction of a barrier from at least 75 percent of the owners whose homes are or will be *both impacted* by highway noise in the design year 2015 *and benefited* by a barrier. "Impacted" homes are those which are predicted to experience either: a 10 decibel increase in highway noise levels over existing conditions; or highway noise levels of 66 decibels or more that would be at least 3 decibels higher in 2015 than they would have been if the highway had not been built. "Benefited" homes are those for which a barrier will provide at least a 3-decibel reduction in highway noise (if they are impacted) or a 5-decibel reduction (if they are not impacted). We will distribute vote cards to qualifying owners who attend the meeting and will mail vote cards, along with materials that are distributed at the meeting, to qualifying owners who are unable to attend.

Your attendance at this meeting would be welcomed. If you have any questions or concerns before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James D. Hade, SHA's Noise Abatement Team Leader, at 410-545-8599, toll-free 800-446-5962 or via email at jhade@sha.state.md.us. Mr. Hade will be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,

Neil J. Pedersen
Administrator

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Noise Customer #: 2775 (Mr. Richard R. Talbott)

Responding to letter dated: Invitation to SHA-hosted community meeting for the Meadowbrook community (Moylan Drive and Marne Lane) for Wednesday, 03-29-2006, at the Timon residence, 12205 Marne Lane, Bowie, Maryland

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March 20, 2006

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Dear «Title2» «LastName»:

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Sincerely,

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BY THE ADMINISTRATOR

Neil J. Pedersen
Administrator

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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., *Governor*
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Maryland Department of Transportation

August 7, 2006

The Honorable Patrick J. Hogan
Senate of Maryland
3 West Wing
Miller Senate Building
11 Bladen Street
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P.J.
Dear Senator Hogan:

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The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the sound barrier proposed for this project and to seek concurrence on the construction of a barrier from at least seventy-five percent of the owners whose homes will be *both impacted* by highway noise in the design year (2025) *and benefited* by a barrier. "Impacted" homes are those which are predicted to experience either: a ten decibel increase in highway noise levels over existing conditions; or highway noise levels of sixty-six decibels or more that would be at least three decibels higher in 2025 than they would have been if the highway had not been built. We will distribute vote cards to qualifying owners who attend the meeting and will mail vote cards, along with materials that are distributed at the meeting, to qualifying owners who are unable to attend.

Your attendance at this meeting would be welcomed. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James D. Hade, SHA's Noise Abatement Team Leader, at 410-545-8599, toll-free 800-446-5962 or via email at jhade@sha.state.md.us. Mr. Hade will be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly, if you prefer.

Sincerely,

Neil J. Pedersen
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design, SHA
James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA
Mr. Darrell B. Mobley, District Engineer, SHA
Ms. Teri Soos, Project Engineer, Office of Highway Design, SHA

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Serial #: None

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Responding to letter dated: Invitation to SHA-hosted community informational meeting Thursday, August 31, 2006 in the Multi-purpose Room of the Judith A. Resnik Elementary School, 7301 Hadley Farms Drive, Gaithersburg

NOTE: All of the invited property owners to this meeting are “impacted”; there are no “benefited-only” property owners.

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Maryland Department of Transportation

March 20, 2006

The Honorable James W. Hubbard
Maryland House of Delegates
213 Lowe House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate ~~Hubbard~~ Jim

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Meadowbrook community regarding the sound barriers that are proposed along westbound MD 450 (Annapolis Road) at Moylan Drive in Prince George's County. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 29, 2006, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., at the residence of the Timon family, 12205 Marne Lane, in Bowie.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the sound barrier proposed for this project and to seek concurrence on the construction of a barrier from at least 75 percent of the owners whose homes are or will be *both impacted* by highway noise in the design year 2015 *and benefited* by a barrier. "Impacted" homes are those which are predicted to experience either: a 10 decibel increase in highway noise levels over existing conditions; or highway noise levels of 66 decibels or more that would be at least 3 decibels higher in 2015 than they would have been if the highway had not been built. "Benefited" homes are those for which a barrier will provide at least a 3-decibel reduction in highway noise (if they are impacted) or a 5-decibel reduction (if they are not impacted). We will distribute vote cards to qualifying owners who attend the meeting and will mail vote cards, along with materials that are distributed at the meeting, to qualifying owners who are unable to attend.

Your attendance at this meeting would be welcomed. If you have any questions or concerns before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James D. Hade, SHA's Noise Abatement Team Leader, at 410-545-8599, toll-free 800-446-5962 or via email at jhade@sha.state.md.us. Mr. Hade will be pleased to assist you.

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Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Deputy Administrator for Planning and Engineering, SHA
Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Manager, SHA

Serial #: None

OED Serial#: None

Noise Customer #: 2775 (Mr. Richard R. Talbott)

Responding to letter dated: Invitation to SHA-hosted community meeting for the Meadowbrook community (Moylan Drive and Marne Lane) for Wednesday, 03-29-2006, at the Timon residence, 12205 Marne Lane, Bowie, Maryland

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Maryland Department of Transportation

May 18, 2006

James M. Irwin, Director
Howard County Department of Public Works
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, Maryland 21043-4392

Dear Mr. Irwin: *Jim*

Thank you for your letter regarding Howard County's recommitment to provide matching funds for eligible Type II sound barrier projects in the County. The State Highway Administration (SHA) will be pleased to coordinate with the County as State funding for the Type II eligible projects (Allview Estates, Holiday Hills, Timberview (extended), and Lawyers Hill) becomes available through the Consolidated Transportation Program.

Thank you, again, for your letter. If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA at 410-545-8640, toll-free 800-446-5962 or via email at cadams@sha.state.md.us. SHA will be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,

Neil J. Pedersen
Administration

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design, SHA
The Honorable Calvin B. Ball, Howard County Council
The Honorable Elizabeth Bobo, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Edward J. Kasemeyer, Senate of Maryland
The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Neil G. Quinter, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Sandra B. Schrader, Senate of Maryland
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The Honorable Ken Ulman, Howard County Council

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Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Deputy Administrator/Chief Engineer for Planning and Engineering, State Highway Administration

Serial #: 06May12

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Noise Customer #:

Responding to letter dated: Follow-up to 05-02-2006 letter from Mr. Irwin to SHA Administrator Pedersen; Mr. Irwin wrote:

"Howard County has received Charles Adams' letter dated April 3, 2006, which said state funding is not expected to be available until 2011. This letter is the County's requested recommitment to provide matching funds for Type II projects on the Howard County eligibility list.

"Howard County stands ready to commit funding for the County share of the remaining eligible Type II barriers (Allview Estates, Holiday Hills, Timberview (extended), and Lawyer's Hill) at such time as the State is able to fund additional projects. Our funding is subject to County Council approval.

"When state funding is added, please notify the County as we need to begin coordinating the timing of funding needs by October 15th of the year prior to execution of the project MOU in order to program money in the County Executive's budget proposal to the County Council for the following fiscal year."

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

James M. Irvin, Director

May 2, 2006

Mr. Neil Pedersen, Administrator
Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration
Room C-400
707 N Calvert Street
Baltimore, MD 21202-3668

Subject: Noise Abatement Sound Barrier Program Funding for Howard County

Dear Mr. Pedersen:

Howard County has received Charles Adams' letter dated April 3, 2006, which said state funding is not expected to be available until 2011. This letter is the County's requested re-commitment to provide matching funds for Type II projects on the Howard County eligibility list.

Howard County stands ready to commit funding of the County share of the remaining eligible Type II barriers (Allview Estates, Holiday Hills, Timberview (extended), and Lawyer's Hill) at such time as the State is able to fund additional projects. Our funding is subject to County Council approval.

When state funding is added, please notify the County as we need to begin coordinating the timing of funding needs by October 15th of the year prior to execution of the project MOU in order to program money in the County Executive's budget proposal to the County Council for the following fiscal year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James M. Irvin".

for James M. Irvin, Director
Department of Public Works

cc: Ronald G. Lepson

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MARYLAND STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
THE ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE (PHONE 410-545-0400 FAX 410-209-5009)

REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND PREPARED CORRESPONDENCE TO ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

(Attn: Penny Johnson)

CONTROL # 06May12

LOG DATE: 05/04/2006

SENDER: IRVIN, JAMES M.

SUBJECT: SOUND BARRIERS

- ☒ PREPARE RESPONSE FOR ADMINISTRATOR'S SIGNATURE
☐ PREPARE RESPONSE FOR SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE
☐ PREPARE RESPONSE FOR GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE
☐ REPLY DIRECTLY, CC: ADMINISTRATOR
☐ PREPARE RESPONSE FOR ADMINISTRATOR FOR GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE
☐ PREPARE RESPONSE FOR SECRETARY FOR GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE

ASSIGNED TO: ADAMS

TO BE RETURNED TO ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE BY: 05/11/2006

THE ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

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REVISIONS BY: _____

TYPED: _____

PROOFED: _____

DATE IN: _____

APPROVED: _____

FOLLOW UP BY: _____

DUE DATE: _____

RESPONSE PREPARED BY: _____
(Name / Telephone / Date)

TYPED BY: _____

PROOFREAD BY: _____

SENIOR MANAGER'S APPROVAL: _____

WAS THERE PERSONAL CONTACT WITH THE SENDER? [] YES [] NO

REMARKS: _____



Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., *Governor*
Michael S. Steele, *Lt. Governor*

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Maryland Department of Transportation

April 3, 2006

Mr. James M. Irwin
Director, Howard County
Department of Public Works
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City MD 21043-4392

Dear Mr. Irwin:

This letter is to discuss the status of State Highway Administration's (SHA) funding of Type II sound barrier projects in Howard County. At this time, we anticipate the construction of the barrier for the Atholton Manor community to commence in May of this year.

Since the receipt of your letters of May 6 and September 2, 2003, we do not have a written re-commitment regarding the County's intent for funding the remaining Type II projects on the Howard County eligibility list. These projects include: Allview Estates and Holiday Hills along US29; and Timberview (extended) and Lawyers Hill along I-95. The current Consolidated Transportation Plan has no new Type II barriers funded in Howard County through fiscal year 2011. We are unable to say, at this time, when funds will be added to the program for new Type II barriers. Since funds are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis to the Counties, a letter of intent would be needed to establish your place "in line" when new funds are added to the program.

With the proposed widening of US 29 from the Little Patuxent River to MD 175, all of the adjacent communities will be evaluated for eligibility for barriers under the Type I side of the Policy. This includes the Allview Estates and the Holiday Hills communities, which are on the Type II-eligible list. Should they be found to be impacted by the widening, they could be constructed with the associated widening contract.

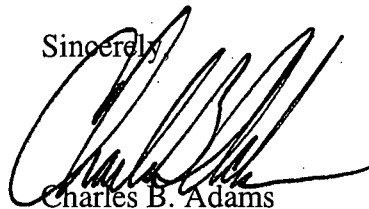
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Thank you for your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James D. Hade, our Noise Abatement Team Leader, at 410-545-8599 or toll-free 800-446-5962 or via email at jhade@sha.state.md.us. He will be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,



Charles B. Adams

Director

Office of Environmental Design

cc: The Honorable Elizabeth Bobo, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
Mr. David J. Coyne, District Engineer, State Highway Administration
James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration
The Honorable Edward J. Kasemeyer, Member, Senate of Maryland
The Honorable Ken Ulman, Member, Howard County Council

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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor
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Maryland Department of Transportation

May 25, 2006

The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones
Maryland House of Delegates
2 West Rolling Crossroads, Suite 205
Catonsville MD 21228-6209

Dear Delegate Jones:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Greenlawn-Windsor Park community regarding the sound barrier project along northbound I-695 just south of Windsor Mill Road in Baltimore County. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 7, 2006 from 7 to 9 p.m., in the cafeteria of the Woodmoor Elementary School, 3200 Elba Drive, Gwynn Oak, Maryland. Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the planned sound barrier for the community and to seek concurrence on the construction of the barrier from at least seventy-five percent of the impacted property owners who would benefit from the barrier. We will distribute vote cards at the meeting to impacted homeowners. Property owners considered to be impacted, and, therefore, eligible to vote, are those whose homes experience existing highway noise levels of sixty-six decibels or greater.

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Your attendance at this meeting would be welcomed. If you have any questions or comments before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James D. Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, Office of Environmental Design, SHA at 410-545-8599, toll-free 800-446-5962 or via email at jhade@sha.state.md.us. SHA will be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,

Neil J. Pedersen
Administrator

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Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Manager, SHA
Ms. Frances Ward, Community Liaison, SHA

Serial #: None

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Responding to letter dated: Invitation to 06-07-2006 SHA-hosted community meeting for the
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State Highway
Administration

Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary
Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Maryland Department of Transportation

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October 18, 2006

The Honorable Edward J. Kasemeyer
Senate of Maryland
5408 East Drive
Arbutus MD 21227-3604

Dear Senator ~~Kasemeyer~~ Ed

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Relay community, adjacent to I-195 in Baltimore County, regarding the following proposed sound barriers:

- *Francis Avenue – South*, along southbound I-195 from just north to just south of Francis Avenue;
- *Cedar Heights/Saint Dennis*, along southbound I-195 from just north of Cedar Avenue to well onto the ramp to Washington Boulevard (US 1); and
- *Francis Avenue – North/Richardson Mews Square*, along northbound I-195 from Cedar Avenue to just north of Francis Avenue.

The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15, 2006, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Relay Elementary School, 5885 Selford Road, Halethorpe. Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed sound barriers for the community and to seek concurrence on the construction of each barrier from at least seventy-five percent of the impacted property owners who would benefit from that barrier. We will distribute vote cards at the meeting to those impacted property owners. Impacted property owners who are eligible to vote are those whose homes experience existing highway noise levels of sixty-six decibels or greater.

Property owners who are unable to attend this meeting will receive a summary of the meeting and copies of all materials distributed at the meeting approximately seven to ten days following the meeting. Voting cards will also be included for impacted property owners who are unable to attend the meeting. Currently, this project is funded only for design.

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Neil J. Pedersen

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Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Manager, SHA
Ms. Frances Ward, Community Liaison, SHA

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Noise Customer #: 307, 1061, 1062, 1481, 2728, 2752, 3020

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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor
Michael S. Steele, Lt. Governor

Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary
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Maryland Department of Transportation

May 25, 2006

The Honorable Delores G. Kelley
Senate of Maryland
302 James Senate Office Building
110 College Avenue
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Kelley:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Greenlawn-Windsor Park community regarding the sound barrier project along northbound I-695 just south of Windsor Mill Road in Baltimore County. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 7, 2006 from 7 to 9 p.m., in the cafeteria of the Woodmoor Elementary School, 3200 Elba Drive, Gwynn Oak, Maryland. Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor
Michael S. Steele, Lt. Governor

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Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Maryland Department of Transportation

August 7, 2006

The Honorable Nancy J. King
Maryland Houses of Delegates
225 House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate King:

Nancy

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Leaking Lot, Hadley Farms, Brookefield and Edinburgh communities regarding the sound barriers proposed for MD 124 between Rosewood Manor Lane and Brenish Drive in Montgomery County. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 31, 2006, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Judith A. Resnik Elementary School, 7301 Hadley Farms Drive, Gaithersburg. Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

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Ms. Nanette M. Schieke, State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, SHA
Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Deputy Administrator for Planning and Engineering, SHA
Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Manager, SHA

Serial #: None

OED Serial#: None

Noise Customer #:

Responding to letter dated: Invitation to SHA-hosted community informational meeting Thursday, August 31, 2006 in the Multi-purpose Room of the Judith A. Resnik Elementary School, 7301 Hadley Farms Drive, Gaithersburg

NOTE: All of the invited property owners to this meeting are “impacted”; there are no “benefited-only” property owners.

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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor
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Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary
Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Maryland Department of Transportation

August 7, 2006

The Honorable Mike Knapp
Montgomery County Council
Stella B. Werner Council Office Building
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD, 20850-2367

Dear ~~Councilman~~ Knapp:

Mike

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Leaking Lot, Hadley Farms, Brookefield and Edinburg communities regarding the sound barriers proposed for MD 124 between Rosewood Manor Lane and Brenish Drive in Montgomery County. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 31, 2006, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Judith A. Resnik Elementary School, 7301 Hadley Farms Drive, Gaithersburg. Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the sound barrier proposed for this project and to seek concurrence on the construction of a barrier from at least seventy-five percent of the owners whose homes will be *both impacted* by highway noise in the design year (2025) *and benefited* by a barrier. "Impacted" homes are those which are predicted to experience either: a ten decibel increase in highway noise levels over existing conditions; or highway noise levels of sixty-six decibels or more that would be at least three decibels higher in 2025 than they would have been if the highway had not been built. We will distribute vote cards to qualifying owners who attend the meeting and will mail vote cards, along with materials that are distributed at the meeting, to qualifying owners who are unable to attend.

Your attendance at this meeting would be welcomed. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James D. Hade, SHA's Noise Abatement Team Leader, at 410-545-8599, toll-free 800-446-5962 or via email at jhade@sha.state.md.us. Mr. Hade will be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly, if you prefer.

Sincerely,

Neil J. Pedersen
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design, SHA
James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA
Mr. Darrell B. Mobley, District Engineer, SHA
Ms. Teri Soos, Project Engineer, Office of Highway Design, SHA

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Maryland Department of Transportation

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May 25, 2006

The Honorable Mary Ann Love
Maryland House of Delegates
7961 Crownsway
Glen Burnie MD 21061-6263

Dear ~~Delegate Love~~:

Mary Ann

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Fernglen Manor community regarding the sound barrier that is proposed along northbound I-97 from the end of the existing sound barrier at Broadway Avenue to the Wellham Avenue overpass in Anne Arundel County. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 15, 2006, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Cafeteria of the North County High School, 19 East First Avenue, Glen Burnie, Maryland. Before the meeting, displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed sound barrier for the community and to seek concurrence on the construction of the barrier from at least seventy-five percent of the impacted property owners that would benefit from the barriers. We will distribute vote cards at the meeting to those impacted homeowners. Impacted property owners who are eligible to vote are those whose homes experience existing highway noise levels of sixty-six decibels or greater.

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Sincerely,

Neil J. Pedersen

Neil J. Pedersen
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA
James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA
Mr. Gregory Welker, District Engineer, SHA

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Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Manager, SHA

Serial #: None

OED Serial#: None

Noise Customer #:

Responding to letter dated: Invitation to SHA-hosted community information meeting for the Fernglen Manor community on Thursday, 06-15-2006, in the cafeteria of the North County High School, 10 E. First Avenue, Glen Burnie, MD; meeting begins at 7:00 pm with display viewing beginning at 6:30 pm

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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor
Michael S. Steele, Lt. Governor

Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary
Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

October 16, 2006

Mr. David J. Malkowski
District Engineer
State Highway Administration
2323 West Joppa Road
Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-4607

Dear Mr. Malkowski:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Relay community adjacent to I-195 in Baltimore County: *Francis Avenue – South*, along southbound I-195 from just north to just south of Francis Avenue; *Cedar Heights/Saint Dennis*, along southbound I-195 from just north of Cedar Avenue to well onto the ramp to Washington Boulevard (US 1); and *Francis Avenue – North/Richardson Mews Square*, along northbound I-195 from Cedar Avenue to just north of Francis Avenue. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15, 2006, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Relay Elementary School, 5885 Selford Road, Halethorpe with displays available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed sound barrier for the community and to seek concurrence on the construction of the barrier from at least seventy-five percent of the impacted property owners that would benefit from the barriers. We will distribute vote cards at the meeting to those impacted homeowners. Impacted property owners who are eligible to vote are those whose homes experience existing highway noise levels of sixty-six decibels or greater.

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Your attendance at this meeting would be welcomed. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James D. Hade, SHA's Noise Abatement Team Leader, at 410-545-8599, toll-free 800-446-5962 or via email at jhade@sha.state.md.us. Mr. Hade will be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design

cc: James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA

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bcc: Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway
Administration
Ms. Frances Ward, Community Liaison, State Highway Administration

Serial #: None

OED Serial#: None

Noise Customer #: 307, 1061, 1062, 1481, 2728, 2752, 3020

Responding to letter dated: Invitation to SHA District Engineer Malkowski for the Relay community to attend an SHA-hosted community informational meeting on 11-15-2006 in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Relay Elementary School, 5885 Selford Road, Halethorpe, MD; meeting is from 7:00 to 9:00 pm with displays available from 6:30 to 7:00 pm

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Michael S. Steele, Lt. Governor

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Maryland Department of Transportation

May 15, 2006

Mr. David J. Malkowski
District Engineer
State Highway Administration
2323 West Joppa Road
Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-4607


Dear Mr. Malkowski:

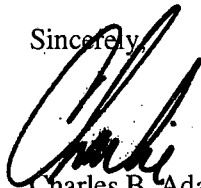
The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Greenlawn-Windsor Park community regarding the sound barrier project along northbound I-695 just south of Windsor Mill Road in Baltimore County. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 7, 2006, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Cafeteria of the Woodmoor Elementary School, 3200 Elba Drive, Gwynn Oak, Maryland. Before the meeting, displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the planned sound barrier for the community and to seek concurrence on the construction of the barrier from at least 75 percent of the impacted property owners in the community that would benefit from the barrier. We will distribute vote cards at the meeting to the impacted homeowners. Impacted property owners who are eligible to vote are those whose homes experience existing highway noise levels of 66 decibels or greater.

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Sincerely,



Charles B. Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design

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Ms. Frances Ward, Community Liaison, SHA

Serial #: None

OED Serial#: None

Noise Customer #:

Responding to letter dated: Invitation to 06-07-2006 SHA-hosted community meeting for the Greenlawn-Windsor Park community, in the Cafeteria of the Woodmoor Elementary School, 3200 Elba Drive, Gwynn Oak, Maryland, from 6:30 to 9:00 pm

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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor
Michael S. Steele, Lt. Governor

State Highway
Administration

Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary
Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Maryland Department of Transportation

February 21, 2006

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Mr. David J. Malkowski
District Engineer
State Highway Administration
2323 West Joppa Road
Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-4607

Dear Mr. Malkowski:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Cheasaco Park community, along northbound I-695 from the Back River to the AMTRAK railroad bridge northeast of the Chesaco Avenue Bridge, and the Oriole Avenue community, along I-695 from Eastern Avenue (MD 150) to the Back River, in Baltimore County. The meeting is to discuss the two proposed sound barriers to be built adjacent to the two communities. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 9, 2006, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Gym of the Rosedale Center, 8200 Old Philadelphia Road, Rosedale. Before the meeting, displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed sound barriers for the communities and to seek concurrence on the construction of the barrier from at least 75 percent of the impacted property owners in each community that would benefit from the barriers. We will distribute vote cards at the meeting to the impacted homeowners. Impacted property owners who are eligible to vote are those whose homes experience existing highway noise levels of 66 decibels or greater.

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Sincerely,

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Director
Office of Environmental Design

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Ms. Frances Ward, Community Liaison, SHA

Serial #: None

OED Serial#: None

Noise Customer #: 287 (Mr. Matko Chullin)

Responding to letter dated: Invitation to 03-09-2006 SHA-hosted community informational meeting for the Chesaco Park and Oriole Avenue communities in the gym of the Rosedale Center, 8200 Old Philadelphia Road, Rosedale

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Maryland Department of Transportation
The Secretary's Office

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
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Robert L. Flanagan
Secretary
James F. Ports, Jr.
Deputy Secretary

October 6, 2006

The Honorable Christopher J. Merdon
Chairman, Howard County Council
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, Maryland 21043-4392

Dear Chairman Merdon:

Thank you for your letter regarding the proposed sound barrier project for the Lawyers Hill community, adjacent to northbound I-95, from Montgomery Road to the ramp to I-895, in Howard County. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

Please be assured that funding for the sound barrier for the Lawyers Hill community is being considered in the context of our overall highway needs as we work to update our Consolidated Transportation Program. As I know that you are aware, the needs that we have are greater than available funding, and we strive to strike a balance as funding priorities are decided. This would include the Lawyers Hill area as well as the extension of the existing sound barrier to protect the remainder of the Timberview community, located on the southbound side of I-95 just south of Montgomery Road.

Thank you for your letter and your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA at 410-545-8640, toll-free 800-446-5962 or via email at cadams@sha.state.md.us. SHA will be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob", written over the word "Sincerely,".

Robert L. Flanagan
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA
Mr. Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator, SHA

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bcc: Ms. Valerie Burnette Edgar, Director of Communications, SHA
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Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Deputy Administrator/Chief Engineer for Planning and
Engineering, SHA
Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Manager, SHA

Serial #: WCS 24991

OED Serial#: None

Noise Customer #: Various

Responding to letter dated: Follow-up to 09-21-2006 letter from Councilman Merdon to
MDOT Secretary Flanagan; Councilman Merdon wrote:

"I am writing to express my full support for state funding in the FY08 budget to construct sound barriers in the Lawyer's Hill community of Elkridge off Rt. 95. We have been advised by Mr. Charles Adams of the State Highway Administration that this area meets the qualifications for a sound barrier under the Type II program. Howard County has made a commitment of 20% of project funds, but to date there has not been any state funding identified.

"As you develop the Consolidated Transportation Program for FY08, I am requesting that these sound barriers be including in the funding cycle.

"I appreciate your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me."

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Howard County Council

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SECRETARYS OFFICE
DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary
Maryland Department of Transportation
7201 Corporate Center Drive
P.O. Box 548
Hanover, MD 21076

Dear Secretary Flanagan,

I am writing to express my full support for state funding in the FY08 budget to construct sound barriers in the Lawyer's Hill community of Elkridge off Rt. I-95. We have been advised by Mr. Charles Adams of the State Highway Administration that this area meets the qualifications for a sound barrier under the Type II program. Howard County has made a commitment of 20% of project funds, but to date there has not been any state funding identified.

As you develop the Consolidated Transportation Program for FY08, I am requesting that these sound barriers be included in the funding cycle.

I appreciate your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Christopher J. Merdon
Chairman

cc: Ms. Mary Nichols



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Correspondence Details**Case ID: 24991 Merdon, Christopher**

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Ellicott City, MD 21043
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Current Owner: Johnston, Lee
Date Assigned: 09/25/2006
Deadline Date: 10/02/2006
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Respond On Behalf Of: Prepare Response For Secretary's Signature
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Comments: Chairman writes to express full support for state funding in the FY 08 budget to construct in the Lawyer's Hill Community.

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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor
Michael S. Steele, Lt. Governor

State Highway
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Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary
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Maryland Department of Transportation

October 18, 2006

The Honorable James E. Malone, Jr.
Maryland House of Delegates
5408 East Drive
Arbutus MD 21227-3604

Dear Delegate ~~Malone~~: ^{JIM}

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Relay community, adjacent to I-195 in Baltimore County, regarding the following proposed sound barriers:

- *Francis Avenue – South*, along southbound I-195 from just north to just south of Francis Avenue;
- *Cedar Heights/Saint Dennis*, along southbound I-195 from just north of Cedar Avenue to well onto the ramp to Washington Boulevard (US 1); and
- *Francis Avenue – North/Richardson Mews Square*, along northbound I-195 from Cedar Avenue to just north of Francis Avenue.

The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15, 2006, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Relay Elementary School, 5885 Selford Road, Halethorpe. Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed sound barriers for the community and to seek concurrence on the construction of each barrier from at least seventy-five percent of the impacted property owners who would benefit from that barrier. We will distribute vote cards at the meeting to those impacted property owners. Impacted property owners who are eligible to vote are those whose homes experience existing highway noise levels of sixty-six decibels or greater.

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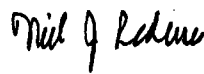
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Sincerely,



Neil J. Pedersen
Administrator

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Ms. Frances Ward, Community Liaison, SHA

Serial #: None

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Noise Customer #: 307, 1061, 1062, 1481, 2728, 2752, 3020

Responding to letter dated: Invitation to the elected officials (State and County) for the Relay community to attend an SHA-hosted community informational meeting on 11-15-2006 in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Relay Elementary School, 5885 Selford Road, Halethorpe, MD; meeting is from 7:00 to 9:00 pm with displays available from 6:30 to 7:00 pm

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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., *Governor*
Michael S. Steele, *Lt. Governor*



Robert L. Flanagan, *Secretary*
Neil J. Pedersen, *Administrator*

Maryland Department of Transportation

February 21, 2006

The Honorable Joseph J. Minnick
Maryland House of Delegates
305 Lowe House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Minnick:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Cheasaco Park community, along northbound I-695 from the Back River to the AMTRAK railroad bridge northeast of the Chesaco Avenue Bridge, and the Oriole Avenue community, along I-695 from Eastern Avenue (MD 150) to the Back River, in Baltimore County. The meeting is to discuss the two proposed sound barriers to be built adjacent to the two communities. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 9, 2006, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the gym of the Rosedale Center, 8200 Old Philadelphia Road, Rosedale. Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

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Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design, SHA
James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA
Mr. David J. Malkowski, District Engineer, SHA

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bcc: Ms. Valerie Burnette Edgar, Director of Communications, SHA
Mr. David Marks, Chief of Staff, Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. Edward Miller, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor sent by TAO
Ms. Nanette M. Schieke, State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of
Transportation
Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, SHA
Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Deputy Administrator for Planning and Engineering, SHA
Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Manager, SHA
Ms. Frances Ward, Community Liaison, SHA

Serial #: None

OED Serial#: None

Noise Customer #: 287 (Mr. Matko Chullin)

Responding to letter dated: Invitation to 03-09-2006 SHA-hosted community informational meeting for the Chesaco Park and Oriole Avenue communities in the gym of the Rosedale Center, 8200 Old Philadelphia Road, Rosedale

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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

July 31, 2006

Mr. Darrell B. Mobley
District Engineer, State Highway Administration
9300 Kenilworth Avenue
Greenbelt MD 20770-1403

Dear Mr. Mobley:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Leaking Lot, Hadley Farms, Brookefield and Edinburg communities regarding the sound barriers proposed for MD 124 between Rosewood Manor Lane and Brenish Drive in Montgomery County. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 31, 2006, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Judith A. Resnik Elementary School, 7301 Hadley Farms Drive, Gaithersburg. Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the sound barrier proposed for this project and to seek concurrence on the construction of a barrier from at least seventy-five percent of the owners whose homes will be *both impacted* by highway noise in the design year (2025) *and benefited* by a barrier. "Impacted" homes are those which are predicted to experience either: a ten decibel increase in highway noise levels over existing conditions; or highway noise levels of sixty-six decibels or more that would be at least three decibels higher in 2025 than they would have been if the highway had not been built. We will distribute vote cards to qualifying owners who attend the meeting and will mail vote cards, along with materials that are distributed at the meeting, to qualifying owners who are unable to attend.

Your attendance at this meeting would be welcomed. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James D. Hade, our Noise Abatement Team Leader, at 410-545-8599, toll-free 800-446-5962 or via email at jhade@sha.state.md.us. Mr. Hade will be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design

cc: James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA
Ms. Teri Soos, Project Engineer, Office of Highway Design, SHA

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Mr. Darrell Sacks, Environmental Analyst, Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering, SHA
Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, SHA

Serial #: None

OED Serial#: None

Noise Customer #:

Responding to letter dated: Invitation to SHA-hosted community informational meeting Thursday, August 31, 2006 in the Multi-purpose Room of the Judith A. Resnik Elementary School, 7301 Hadley Farms Drive, Gaithersburg

NOTE: All of the invited property owners to this meeting are "impacted"; there are no "benefited-only" property owners.

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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor
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Maryland Department of Transportation

March 13, 2006

Mr. Darrell B. Mobley
District Engineer
State Highway Administration
9300 Kenilworth Avenue
Greenbelt MD 20770-1403

Dear Mr. Mobley:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Meadowbrook community regarding the sound barriers that are proposed along westbound MD 450 (Annapolis Road) at Moylan Drive in Prince George's County. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 29, 2006, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., at the residence of the Timon family, 12205 Marne Lane, Bowie.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the sound barrier proposed for this project and to seek concurrence on the construction of a barrier from at least 75 percent of the owners whose homes are or will be *both impacted* by highway noise in the design year 2015 *and benefited* by a barrier. "Impacted" homes are those which are predicted to experience either: a 10 decibel increase in highway noise levels over existing conditions; or highway noise levels of 66 decibels or more that would be at least 3 decibels higher in 2015 than they would have been if the highway had not been built. "Benefited" homes are those for which a barrier will provide at least a 3-decibel reduction in highway noise (if they are impacted) or a 5-decibel reduction (if they are not impacted). We will distribute vote cards to qualifying owners who attend the meeting and will mail vote cards, along with materials that are distributed at the meeting, to qualifying owners who are unable to attend.

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James D. Hade, SHA's Noise Abatement Team Leader, at 410-545-8599, toll-free 800-446-5962 or via email at jhade@sha.state.md.us. Mr. Hade will be pleased to assist you.

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Office of Environmental Design

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Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration

Serial #: None

OED Serial#: None

Noise Customer #: 2775 (Mr. Richard R. Talbott)

Responding to letter dated: Invitation to SHA-hosted community meeting for the Meadowbrook community (Moylan Drive and Marne Lane) for Wednesday, 03-29-2006, at the Timon residence, 12205 Marne Lane, Bowie, Maryland

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Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary
Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Maryland Department of Transportation

October 18, 2006

The Honorable Stephen G. Samuel Moxley
Baltimore County Council
Room 205
400 Washington Avenue
Towson MD 21204-4606

Dear Councilman Moxley:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Relay community, adjacent to I-195 in Baltimore County, regarding the following proposed sound barriers:

- *Francis Avenue – South*, along southbound I-195 from just north to just south of Francis Avenue;
- *Cedar Heights/Saint Dennis*, along southbound I-195 from just north of Cedar Avenue to well onto the ramp to Washington Boulevard (US 1); and
- *Francis Avenue – North/Richardson Mews Square*, along northbound I-195 from Cedar Avenue to just north of Francis Avenue.

The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15, 2006, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Relay Elementary School, 5885 Selford Road, Halethorpe. Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed sound barriers for the community and to seek concurrence on the construction of each barrier from at least seventy-five percent of the impacted property owners who would benefit from that barrier. We will distribute vote cards at the meeting to those impacted property owners. Impacted property owners who are eligible to vote are those whose homes experience existing highway noise levels of sixty-six decibels or greater.

Property owners who are unable to attend this meeting will receive a summary of the meeting and copies of all materials distributed at the meeting approximately seven to ten days following the meeting. Voting cards will also be included for impacted property owners who are unable to attend the meeting. Currently, this project is funded only for design.

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Sincerely,

Neil J. Pedersen

Neil J. Pedersen
Administrator

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Serial #: None

OED Serial#: None

Noise Customer #: 307, 1061, 1062, 1481, 2728, 2752, 3020

Responding to letter dated: Invitation to the elected officials (State and County) for the Relay community to attend an SHA-hosted community informational meeting on 11-15-2006 in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Relay Elementary School, 5885 Selford Road, Halethorpe, MD; meeting is from 7:00 to 9:00 pm with displays available from 6:30 to 7:00 pm

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Deputy Secretary

July 10, 2006

The Honorable Pat McDonough
Maryland House of Delegates
P.O. Box 24640
Baltimore, Maryland 21214

Dear Delegate McDonough:

Thank you for your letter regarding the sound barrier project that had been proposed for the Oriole Avenue community, along northbound I-695 from Eastern Avenue (MD 150) to the Back River, in Baltimore County. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your constituents' concerns.

The purpose of the March 9 community meeting, hosted by the State Highway Administration (SHA), was to provide information to affected property owners regarding the proposed sound barriers for the Oriole Avenue and Chesaco Park communities along I-695 and to initiate a written ballot that would determine whether seventy-five percent of the impacted property owners in the two communities favored the construction of a barrier for their respective community. Ballots were distributed to impacted property owners who attended the meeting and were mailed to impacted property owners who did not attend the meeting.

Please accept my apologies for any misunderstanding about whether the ballot "return by" date of April 24 was a final cut-off date or not. The intention was to allow absent owners sufficient time in which to review the materials from the meeting and cast their votes. The end result was that SHA received ten ballots, five supporting construction of the Oriole Avenue sound barrier and five opposed. Correspondence to the Oriole Avenue community is being prepared to indicate that the required seventy-five percent vote in favor of a sound barrier was not achieved and that the project will not go forward.

Thank you, again, for your letter. If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA at 410-545-8640, toll-free 800-446-5962 or via email at cadams@sha.state.md.us. SHA will be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Flanagan
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA
Mr. Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator, SHA

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Ms. Frances Ward, Community Liaison, SHA

Serial #: WCS 24040

OED Serial#: None

Noise Customer #: 3006 (Mr. Russell R. Mirabile)

Responding to letter dated: Follow-up to 06-07-2006 letter from Del. McDonough to Sec. Flanagan regarding the sound barrier project for the Oriole Avenue community; Del. McDonough wrote:

"I am writing on behalf of property owners regarding a proposed installation of sound barriers next to I-695 (northbound) between Eastern Avenue (MD 150) and the Back River in Baltimore County.

"A meeting was scheduled for March 9, 2006 in the gym of the Rosedale Center, 8200 Old Philadelphia Road, Rosedale, MD 21237. The purpose of the meeting was to inform property owners in this area where sound barriers would be placed, provided 75% of the impacted property owners were in agreement. This was the process in which the state would approve the project. The date for response by impacted property owners was set as April 24, 2006.

"As of this April 24, 2006 date, the necessary percentage vote to have the barriers installed was not met. According to the guidelines, the barriers were not to be installed. There were property owners who did not respond accordingly as of April 24, 2006. According to the guidelines set forth, those that responded did not yield the adequate votes; consequently, this project would not go forward.

"On behalf of the property owners who returned card timely and responded that the barriers were not wanted, these same property owners are now being told by Mr. James D. Hade that adequate votes were not received and a couple property owners did not respond in a timely manner. However, Mr. Hade's department now states as of this date that Mr. Hade's office is now extending the due date, or "extending the goal post."

"The property owners who took the time to vote and deliver their votes in a timely manner are looking for a letter indicating that the number of votes for the barrier were not adequate and, therefore, the barriers will not be installed. In addition, at the March 9, 2006 meeting, Mr. Hade stated that there would be no barriers installed if the numbers did not indicate desire for the barriers. The property owners expect an immediate response that the barriers will not be installed.

"Thank you for your assistance in this matter. I look forward to hearing from you shortly."

Please note: Del. McDonough represents the 7th State Legislative District; the Oriole Avenue community is located in the 6th State Legislative District whose representatives are Sen. Stone and Dels. Olszewski, Minnick and Weir.

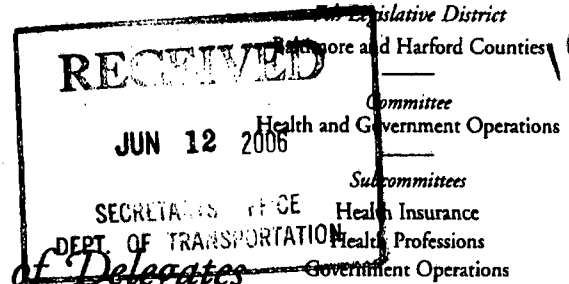
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The Maryland House of Delegates

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401-1991

June 7, 2006

The Honorable Robert Flanagan, Secretary
MD Department of Transportation
7201 Corporate Center Drive
PO Box 548
Hanover, MD 21076

Dear Secretary Flanagan,

Dear Mr. Flanagan,

I am writing on behalf of property owners regarding a proposed installation of sound barriers next to I-695 (northbound) between Eastern Avenue (MD 150) and the Back River in Baltimore County.

A meeting was scheduled for March 9, 2006 in the gym of the Rosedale Center, 8200 Old Philadelphia Road, Rosedale, MD 21237. The purpose of the meeting was to inform property owners in this area where sound barriers would be placed, provided 75 % of the impacted property owners were in agreement. This was the process in which the state would approve the project. The date for response by impacted property owners was set as April 24, 2006.

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On behalf of the property owners who returned the cards timely and responded that the barriers were not wanted, these same property owners are now being told by Mr. James D. Hade that adequate votes were not received and a couple property owners did not respond in a timely manner. However, Mr. Hade's department now states as of this date that Mr. Hade's office is now extending the due date, or "extending the goal post".

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Thank you for your assistance in this matter. I look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Sincerely,



Pat McDonough

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Route Assignments

Case ID: 24040 McDonough, Pat

Status ◆	Route Address ◆	Role ◆	Action ◆
Past	SHA	Correspondence Manager	View
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• Response due 6/14. Thank you.			
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Correspondence Details**Case ID: 24040 McDonough, Pat**

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991
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Confidential: No
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Stand on issue: Neither
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Tone of letter: Neither
Current Owner: Helene, Irene
Date Assigned: 06/12/2006
Deadline Date: 06/19/2006
Date Closed:
Respond On Behalf Of: Prepare Response For Secretary's Signature
External Code:
Comments: Writes regarding proposed sound barriers next to I-695 (northbound) between Eastern ,
Baltimore county.

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Ted Severe

From: Irene Heline
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2006 3:13 PM
To: Ted Severe
Subject: FW: Oriole Avenue, Mirable family insists on confirmation that we won't build the wall.
Attachments: McDonough24040_82924.doc

Ted,

FYI,

Irene

From: Charles Adams
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2006 3:11 PM
To: Irene Heline
Subject: FW: Oriole Avenue, Mirable family insists on confirmation that we won't build the wall.

Claire will send this letter back to us, while we wait for direction from David Marks and Neil.

From: Claire DeBakey
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2006 12:05 PM
To: Ed Harris; James Hade; Charles Adams
Cc: Dave Malkowski; Doug Simmons
Subject: RE: Oriole Avenue, Mirable family insists on confirmation that we won't build the wall.

This is what I just gave to Charlie (via Irene)--an edited version of Jim's draft to Del. McDonough on this barrier. I await Charlie's phone call to discuss, and I hope to then be able to forward it to MDOT today without further review by Neil, as Neil and Doug Simmons have both signed off on the internal paperwork to document that we did not have sufficient "yea" votes to go further with the barrier.

Claire

From: Ed Harris
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2006 12:02 PM
To: James Hade; Charles Adams
Cc: Dave Malkowski; Doug Simmons; Claire DeBakey
Subject: RE: Oriole Avenue, Mirable family insists on confirmation that we won't build the wall.

The attorney's letter is little over the top - "...or ever in the future" is a long time, I hope. Anyway, we seem to be doing what they are requesting. Seems best to keep the lawyers for both sides out of it.

Seriously, let me know if you need anything further.

06/19/2006

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Ed

From: James Hade
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2006 3:17 PM
To: Charles Adams
Cc: Dave Malkowski; Doug Simmons; Claire DeBakey; Ed Harris
Subject: Oriole Avenue, Mirable family insists on confirmation that we won't build the wall.

Charlie:

The attached letter from Holzer & Lee, attorneys for the Mirable family, was received by me today.

I am broadcasting this to everyone in the review chain of the letter for the Secretary's signature to Delegate McDonough (short of Neil), and the No-build concurrence memo (draft copy attached) outlining the details surrounding this matter, in addition to Dave Malkowski, and Ed Harris.

The Mirable's are most insistent that our return request date for the vote cards must be viewed as a hard pass/fail date for community interest for or against noise abatement. Given that barriers are so very difficult to get approved and funded, we have never treated the vote card due back date with such strictness, sometimes going as far as to go out and knock on doors to get responses.

James Hade, RLA
Noise Abatement Team Leader
Ph: 410-545-8599
Fx: 410-209-5003

06/19/2006



Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor
Michael S. Steele, Lt. Governor

Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary
Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Maryland Department of Transportation

July 3, 2006

The Honorable Thomas F. McKay
President, St. Mary's County
Board of County Commissioners
23115 Leonard Hall Drive
P.O. Box 653
Leonardtown MD 20650-0653

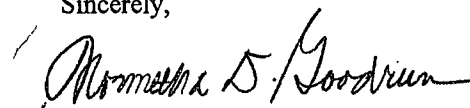
Dear President McKay:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Heards Estates community regarding the sound barrier project along southbound MD 237 (Chancellors Run Road) between Norris Drive and Strickland Road in Saint Mary's County. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 27, 2006, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Bay District Volunteer Fire Department, Station 9, 45774 Fire Department Lane, California, Maryland (corner of Chancellors Run Road and Fire Department Lane). Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the sound barrier proposed for this project and to seek concurrence on the construction of the barrier from at least seventy-five percent of the owners whose homes will be *both impacted* by highway noise in the design year (2025) *and benefited* by a barrier. "Impacted" homes are those which are predicted to experience highway noise levels of 66 decibels or more that would be at least 3 decibels higher in 2025 than they would have been if the highway had not been built. "Benefited" homes are those for which a barrier will provide at least a three-decibel reduction in highway noise (if they are impacted) or a five-decibel reduction (if they are not impacted). We will distribute vote cards to qualifying owners who attend the meeting and will mail vote cards, along with materials that are distributed at the meeting, to qualifying owners who are unable to attend.

Your attendance at this meeting would be welcomed. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James D. Hade, SHA's Noise Abatement Team Leader, at 410-545-8599, toll-free 800-446-5962 or via email at jhade@sha.state.md.us. Mr. Hade will be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly, if you prefer.

Sincerely,


Neil J. Pedersen
Administrator

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Mr. Jeffrey Folden, Project Engineer, Community Design Division, Office of Highway Development, State Highway Administration
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Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Manager, SHA

Serial #: None

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Noise Customer #: 2917 (Ms. Sylvia P. Rineer)

Responding to letter dated: Invitation to 07-27-2006 SHA-hosted community information meeting at the Bay District Volunteer Fire Department, Station 9, 45774 Fire Dept Lane, California, MD; displays available from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm, meeting begins at 7:00 pm

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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., *Governor*
Michael S. Steele, *Lt. Governor*

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Neil J. Pedersen, *Administrator*

Maryland Department of Transportation

May 25, 2006

The Honorable Shirley Nathan-Pulliam
Maryland House of Delegates
4200 Edmondson Avenue, Suite 103
Baltimore MD 21229-1600

Dear Delegate Nathan-Pulliam:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Greenlawn-Windsor Park community regarding the sound barrier project along northbound I-695 just south of Windsor Mill Road in Baltimore County. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 7, 2006 from 7 to 9 p.m., in the cafeteria of the Woodmoor Elementary School, 3200 Elba Drive, Gwynn Oak, Maryland. Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the planned sound barrier for the community and to seek concurrence on the construction of the barrier from at least seventy-five percent of the impacted property owners who would benefit from the barrier. We will distribute vote cards at the meeting to impacted homeowners. Property owners considered to be impacted, and, therefore, eligible to vote, are those whose homes experience existing highway noise levels of sixty-six decibels or greater.

Property owners who are unable to attend will receive a summary of the meeting and copies of all materials distributed at the meeting approximately seven to ten days following the meeting. Impacted property owners who are unable to attend the meeting will also receive vote cards.

Your attendance at this meeting would be welcomed. If you have any questions or comments before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James D. Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, Office of Environmental Design, SHA at 410-545-8599, toll-free 800-446-5962 or via email at jhade@sha.state.md.us. SHA will be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,

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Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Manager, SHA
Ms. Frances Ward, Community Liaison, SHA

Serial #: None

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Noise Customer #:

Responding to letter dated: Invitation to 06-07-2006 SHA-hosted community meeting for the
Greenlawn-Windsor Park community, in the Cafeteria of the Woodmoor Elementary School, 3200 Elba
Drive, Gwynn Oak, Maryland, from 6:30 to 9:00 pm

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Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Maryland Department of Transportation

May 25, 2006

The Honorable Kenneth N. Oliver
Baltimore County Council
400 Washington Avenue, Room 205
Towson MD 21204-4606

Dear Councilman Oliver:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Greenlawn-Windsor Park community regarding the sound barrier project along northbound I-695 just south of Windsor Mill Road in Baltimore County. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 7, 2006 from 7 to 9 p.m., in the cafeteria of the Woodmoor Elementary School, 3200 Elba Drive, Gwynn Oak, Maryland. Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the planned sound barrier for the community and to seek concurrence on the construction of the barrier from at least seventy-five percent of the impacted property owners who would benefit from the barrier. We will distribute vote cards at the meeting to impacted homeowners. Property owners considered to be impacted, and, therefore, eligible to vote, are those whose homes experience existing highway noise levels of sixty-six decibels or greater.

Property owners who are unable to attend will receive a summary of the meeting and copies of all materials distributed at the meeting approximately seven to ten days following the meeting. Impacted property owners who are unable to attend the meeting will also receive vote cards.

Your attendance at this meeting would be welcomed. If you have any questions or comments before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James D. Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, Office of Environmental Design, SHA at 410-545-8599, toll-free 800-446-5962 or via email at jhade@sha.state.md.us. SHA will be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,

Neil J. Pedersen
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design, SHA
Administration
James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA
Mr. David J. Malkowski, District Engineer, SHA

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Maryland Department of Transportation

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February 21, 2006

The Honorable John A. Olszewski, Sr.
Baltimore County Council
400 Washington Avenue, Room 205
Towson MD 21204-4606

Dear Councilman Olszewski:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Cheasaco Park community, along northbound I-695 from the Back River to the AMTRAK railroad bridge northeast of the Chesaco Avenue Bridge, and the Oriole Avenue community, along I-695 from Eastern Avenue (MD 150) to the Back River, in Baltimore County. The meeting is to discuss the two proposed sound barriers to be built adjacent to the two communities. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 9, 2006, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the gym of the Rosedale Center, 8200 Old Philadelphia Road, Rosedale. Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed sound barriers for the communities and to seek concurrence on the construction of the barrier from at least 75 percent of the impacted property owners in each community that would benefit from the barriers. We will distribute vote cards at the meeting to the impacted homeowners. Impacted property owners who are eligible to vote are those whose homes experience existing highway noise levels of 66 decibels or greater.

Property owners who are unable to attend this meeting will receive a summary of the meeting and copies of all materials distributed at the meeting approximately seven to ten days following the meeting. Voting cards will also be included for impacted property owners who are unable to attend the meeting.

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Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James D. Hade, SHA's Noise Abatement Team Leader, at 410-545-8599, toll-free 800-446-5962 or via email at jhade@sha.state.md.us. Mr. Hade will be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,

Neil J. Pedersen

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Administrator

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Transportation
Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, SHA
Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Deputy Administrator for Planning and Engineering, SHA
Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Manager, SHA
Ms. Frances Ward, Community Liaison, SHA

Serial #: None

OED Serial#: None

Noise Customer #: 287 (Mr. Matko Chullin)

Responding to letter dated: Invitation to 03-09-2006 SHA-hosted community informational meeting for the Chesaco Park and Oriole Avenue communities in the gym of the Rosedale Center, 8200 Old Philadelphia Road, Rosedale

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Robert L. Flanagan, *Secretary*
Neil J. Pedersen, *Administrator*

Maryland Department of Transportation

March 20, 2006

The Honorable Douglas J.J. Peters
Prince George's County Council
County Administration Building, 2nd Floor
14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive
Upper Marlboro MD 20772-3037

Dear ~~Councilman Peters~~: Doug

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Meadowbrook community regarding the sound barriers that are proposed along westbound MD 450 (Annapolis Road) at Moylan Drive in Prince George's County. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 29, 2006, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., at the residence of the Timon family, 12205 Marne Lane, in Bowie.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the sound barrier proposed for this project and to seek concurrence on the construction of a barrier from at least 75 percent of the owners whose homes are or will be *both impacted* by highway noise in the design year 2015 *and benefited* by a barrier. "Impacted" homes are those which are predicted to experience either: a 10 decibel increase in highway noise levels over existing conditions; or highway noise levels of 66 decibels or more that would be at least 3 decibels higher in 2015 than they would have been if the highway had not been built. "Benefited" homes are those for which a barrier will provide at least a 3-decibel reduction in highway noise (if they are impacted) or a 5-decibel reduction (if they are not impacted). We will distribute vote cards to qualifying owners who attend the meeting and will mail vote cards, along with materials that are distributed at the meeting, to qualifying owners who are unable to attend.

Your attendance at this meeting would be welcomed. If you have any questions or concerns before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James D. Hade, SHA's Noise Abatement Team Leader, at 410-545-8599, toll-free 800-446-5962 or via email at jhade@sha.state.md.us. Mr. Hade will be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,

Neil J. Pedersen
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA
James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA
Mr. Darrell B. Mobley, District Engineer, SHA

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Ms. Nanette M. Schieke, State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, SHA
Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Deputy Administrator for Planning and Engineering, SHA
Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Manager, SHA

Serial #: None

OED Serial#: None

Noise Customer #: 2775 (Mr. Richard R. Talbott)

Responding to letter dated: Invitation to SHA-hosted community meeting for the Meadowbrook community (Moylan Drive and Marne Lane) for Wednesday, 03-29-2006, at the Timon residence, 12205 Marne Lane, Bowie, Maryland

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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor
Michael S. Steele, Lt. Governor

Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary
Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Maryland Department of Transportation

June 6, 2006

The Honorable Neil F. Quinter
Maryland House of Delegates
206 Lowe House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Quinter:

Thank you for the email from your aide, Ms. Kristen Neville, to Mr. James D. Hade, our Noise Abatement Team Leader, regarding a highway traffic noise level study for the Village of River Hill, along westbound MD 32 at Great Star Drive, in Howard County. I appreciate the opportunity respond to your inquiry.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) considers the need for sound barriers in two circumstances, designated "Type I" and "Type II." In "Type I" situations, barriers are considered when a new highway is being built or an existing highway is being expanded. At this time, we have no plans to further improve this portion of MD 32 that would warrant a Type I sound barrier evaluation. In the 1989 *Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement, Relocated Maryland Route 32 From Maryland Route 108 to Pindell School Road, Howard County, Maryland*, the Village of River Hill in the area where Great Star Drive is now located was undeveloped. Therefore, no noise abatement was considered or recommended for this area. The permits for the development of the Village of River Hill were approved by Howard County under its noise ordinance with the full knowledge that MD 32 was to be relocated to its current, relocated alignment and configuration.

When a highway already exists and is *not* being expanded—so that Type I criteria do not apply—communities may be considered for our "Type II," or "retrofit," sound barrier program. The intent of the Type II program is to address areas of noise impact along highways that were built before environmental analyses became a part of the highway development process. A number of criteria must be met for a Type II barrier to be approved. The first criterion that must be met is that the majority of the impacted homes must pre-date the original construction of the highway. If they do not, then we cannot consider this community for our program. This is the case with the Village of River Hill. Our records indicate that the majority of the homes in the Village of River hill were built in the mid-1990s after the 1989 approval date for the environmental document for the construction of Relocated MD 32, now adjacent to the community. Based on this information, the Village of River Hill is not eligible for our Type II sound barrier program. When it is determined that a community does not meet one or more of the technical criteria for the Type II sound barrier program, no further actions can be taken, including the performance of noise level studies. Were we to do so, it would likely raise expectations that could not be met.

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Thank you again for your email. If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640, toll-free 800-446-5962 or via email at cadams@sha.state.md.us. SHA will be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Neil J. Pedersen
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design, SHA
James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA
Ms. Kristen Neville, Legislative Aide to the Honorable Neil F. Quinter

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Engineering, SHA
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Noise Customer #:

Responding to letter dated: Follow-up to 05-30-2006 email from Ms. Kristen Neville, Legislative Aide to Del. Neil F. Quinter to Mr. James D. Hade, OED Noise Abatement Team Leader; Ms. Neville Wrote

"Subject: sound barrier at Route 32 and Great Star Drive

"Delegate Quinter has asked me to find out if the intersection of Route 32 and Great Star Drive has been tested for sound barriers recently? And if not, can a test be conducted?"

"Thank you very much for your assistance."

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Ted Severe

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From: James Hade
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2006 8:31 AM
To: Ted Severe
Cc: Dan Uebersax; Charles Adams
Subject: FW: sound barrier at Route 32 and Great Star Drive

Ted:

Please prepare a response for Niel's signature.

This is the MD 32 relocated project. This community postdates the environmental approvals.

Thanks

James Hade, RLA
Noise Abatement Team Leader
Ph: 410-545-8599
Fx: 410-209-5003

-----Original Message-----

From: Delegate Neil Quinter [mailto:neil_quinter@house.state.md.us]
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2006 10:25 AM
To: James Hade
Subject: sound barrier at Route 32 and Great Star Drive

Dear Mr. Hade:

Delegate Quinter has asked me to find out if the intersection of Route 32 and Great Star Drive has been tested for sound barriers recently? And if not, can a test be conducted?

Thank you very much for your assistance.

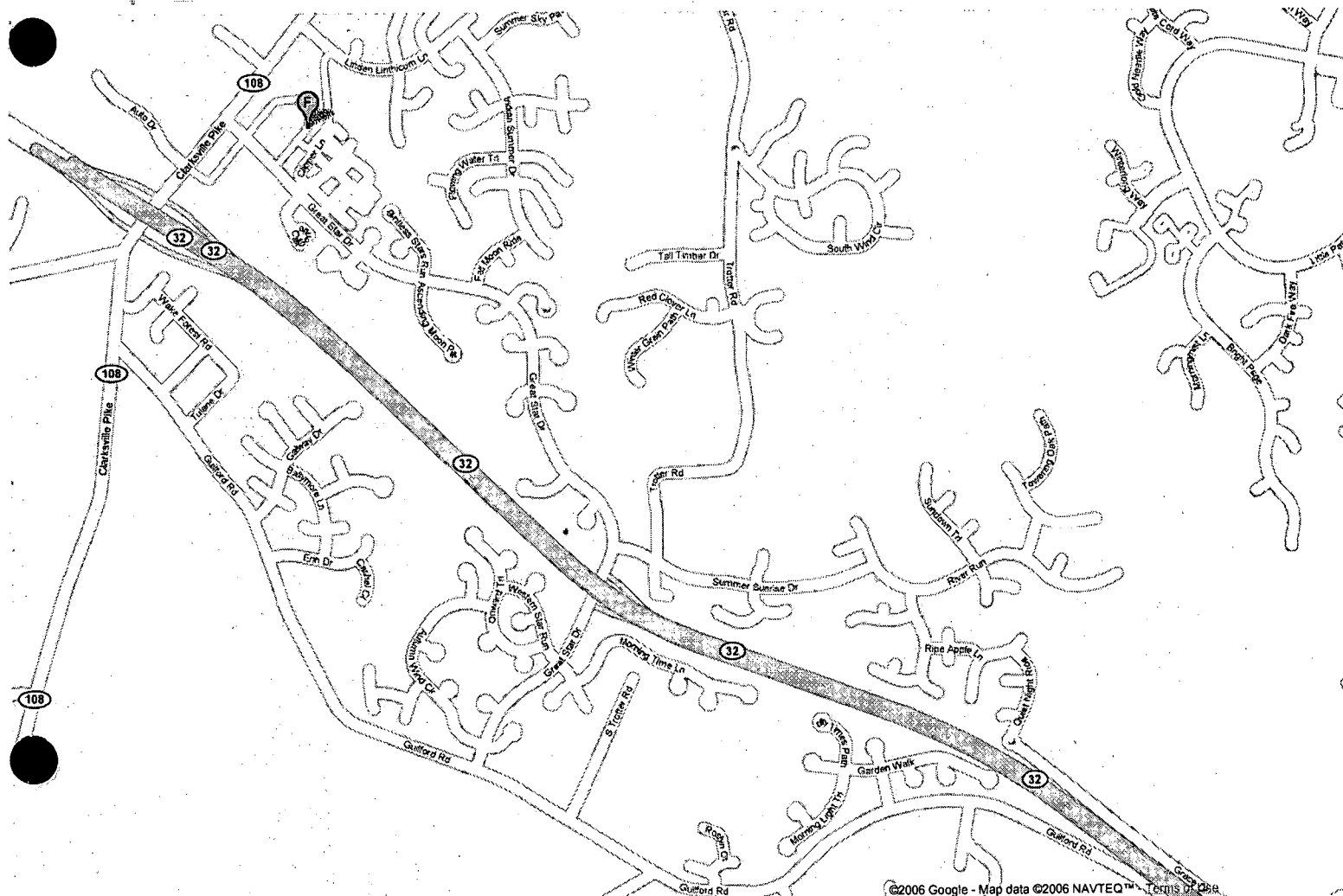
Sincerely,

Kristen Neville
Legislative Aide, Delegate Neil Quinter
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Results 1-10 of about 3,860 for great star drive near Columbia, MD

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11130 Willow Bottom Dr, Columbia, MD
(410) 730-5980</p> <p>E. Playwisekids
6570 Dobbin Rd, Columbia, MD
(410) 772-1540</p> <p>G. The Kroder Team
8815 Centre Park Drive, Suite 110, Columbia, MD
(410) 740-1200</p> <p>I. Maryland Credit Union League
8975 Guilford Rd, Columbia, MD
(410) 290-6858</p> | <p>B. ASEAN Bistro
8775 Centre Park Dr, Columbia, MD
(410) 772-5300</p> <p>D. Explora World
6570 Dobbin Rd, Columbia, MD
(410) 772-1540</p> <p>F. River Hill Community Assn
6020 Daybreak Cir, Clarksville, MD
(410) 531-1749</p> <p>H. Cafe De Paris
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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor
Michael S. Steele, Lt. Governor



Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary
Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Maryland Department of Transportation

July 3, 2006

Mr. Joseph Rutter
Planning and Zoning Officer
Anne Arundel County
Office of Planning and Zoning
2664 Riva Road, MS 7255
Annapolis MD 21401-7305

Dear Mr. Rutter:

This letter is a follow-up to our recent telephone conversation regarding Anne Arundel County's land-use noise ordinance. I appreciate the opportunity to provide the following.

Beginning in 1996, the State Highway Administration (SHA) proposed to make certain changes in the 1987 Noise Abatement Policy. During that period before the final approval and adoption in May 1998, SHA communicated key changes with officials in Anne Arundel County who were seeking funding of a Type II project along US 50 in Annapolis. The principal new requirements were that counties must share 20 percent of the cost of constructing barriers and that they must adopt certain land use practices to prevent new noise-sensitive uses from being developed adjacent to State highways (Sound Barrier Policy pp 2, 8). SHA provided Anne Arundel County with a list of fully controlled-access highways with conservative setbacks outside which we would not reasonably expect a noise impact to be found and which were used as a basis for avoiding impacts.

While SHA was willing to provide some technical assistance to the County in the application of the regulations, we found ourselves placed into more of a direct approval position with regard to local development. In 2001, we met with you to discuss our review involvement which was mandated in the first regulations.

Subsequent to our meeting, Anne Arundel County's development regulations were revised, but it is felt that they no longer meet the provision of our policy as required to be eligible for funding for Type II barriers. The most significant of the changes is that the current regulation allows for a traffic noise impact of 66 decibels "at the dwelling." We feel this would result in residents being exposed to noise levels above the 66 decibel impact threshold in areas outside of their homes. The guidance from the Federal Highway Administration that SHA follows considers areas of "regular and frequent human use" as being noise sensitive. This approach ensures that outdoor areas that people use for their enjoyment are protected from high noise levels, thereby resulting in an improved quality of life.

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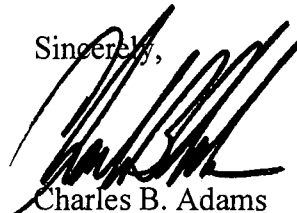
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We are bringing this to your attention because several elected officials have been inquiring about receiving updated cost information regarding the potential funding of Type II projects in Anne Arundel County. However, it would not be fair to provide that information without a discussion of the possible change in eligibility for considering any funding at the State level.

We would be happy to provide you with a more detailed evaluation of the County's current regulations as they relate to our funding criteria, as well as revised set-backs that have been generated as a result of our observation of changes in the highway noise environment since the original regulations were adopted.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this matter. If you have further questions or would like to schedule a meeting to go over these issues, please let me know. I can be reached at 410 545-8640 or by email at cadams@sha.state.md.us.

Sincerely,



Charles B. Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design

cc: James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration
Mr. Gregory D. Welker, District Engineer, State Highway Administration
Mr. Steven Foster, Chief, Engineering Access Permits, State Highway Administration

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bcc: Mr. Edward Harris, Chief Counsel, Office of Counsel, State Highway Administration
Mr. David Marks, Chief of Staff, Maryland Department of Transportation
Ms. Nanette M. Schieke, State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of
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Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway
Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Deputy Administrator/Chief Engineer for Planning and
Engineering, State Highway Administration
Richard Y. Woo, Ph.D., Director of Policy and Research, State Highway Administration

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Responding to letter dated: Follow-up to telephone conversation between Mr. Rutter and Mr.
Charles B. Adams

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Jim: I spoke to Joe

Rotter and made him aware of our issues and told him we would be sending a letter detailing these issues. Please draft a letter to him for my signature.

Charlie

MEMORANDUM

June 2, 2006 194

TO: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director
Office of Environmental Design

FROM: Mr. James Hade, RLA *J. Hade*
Noise Abatement Team Leader

RE: Proposed Change of Status for Type II Noise Abatement funding
in Anne Arundel County

Executive Summary:

In 1998 Anne Arundel County adopted development regulations in order to gain funding for a Type II barrier along US 50. In 2005 Anne Arundel County made certain changes to their development regulations which no longer meet the requirements of the State's Sound Barrier Policy for funding Type II noise abatement projects. On July 16, 2003 the Secretary of Transportation inquired about the adequacy of existing County regulations in keeping with SHA's funding Policy.

Recently various elected officials in Anne Arundel County have called regarding the status of previously announced "eligible" communities. Our position to-date has been that Anne Arundel County has not agreed to fund the 20% share, and that we cannot consider funding until that happens. We have committed to send a letter to the Executive (and relevant elected officials) updating the anticipated cost of barriers for the eligible communities across the County. Based upon Elected official's comments, interest appears to be rising for the County to commit financially, and will request the State's funding of these barriers.

This memo serves as a proposal to:

1. temporarily remove Anne Arundel County from the list of Counties that are eligible for Type II Sound barrier funding until such time as a revised ordinance can be adopted, and
2. to notify the County Executive, by letter, of the change in status, and
3. to offer technical assistance in the revising of their regulations.

History:

Beginning in 1996 SHA proposed to make certain changes in the 1985 Noise Abatement Policy. During that period, before the final approval and adoption in May 1998, SHA communicated key changes with officials in Anne Arundel County who were seeking funding of the Type II project along US 50 in Annapolis. The principle new requirements were that counties must share 20% of the cost of constructing barriers and that they must adopt certain land use practices to prevent new noise sensitive uses from being developed adjacent to State highways. (Sound Barrier Policy pp 2, 8) SHA provided Anne Arundel County a list of full control access highways with conservative setbacks outside which we would not reasonably expect a noise impact to be found.

In January of 1998 Anne Arundel County adopted development regulations in order to secure funding for the Riverview/Lindamoore Type II project. The initial language of their ordinance gave developers the option of using the prescribed setbacks or allowing the developer to reduce the setback by proving that by circumstances of topography, or other factors, a particular property or site design would not be impacted, or that mitigation would be provided.

The specific language in the original ordinance placed SHA in an uncomfortable position in a number of areas:

1. The ordinance required approval by SHA of any noise reports, and any mitigation that would be required. While SHA was willing to provide technical assistance and advice to the County, there were increasing instances of developers or their engineers attempting to negotiate with SHA on interpretations of the County code, impact and/or abatement issues.
 - a. This effectively put SHA in the line of decision for local development.
 - b. The ordinance also put SHA in the critical path of developer's project schedules.
 - c. Most other metropolitan counties in Maryland have trained staff to review noise studies, or employ independent consultants.
2. The original language did not specify the methods or expectations SHA would have regarding noise studies for these developments.
 - a. The cloud of undisclosed study requirements which might be considered industry standard, were challenged by developers as excessive, costly, and untimely.
3. The ordinance had certain technical problems that had the potential of allowing an impact in a noise sensitive use:
 - a. Requiring results based upon a "noise reading", implying a meter reading, but not specifying the conditions (omitting requirements to prove that the results fairly represented the peak noise hour, during a peak season).
 - b. Omitted any requirement to account for planned highway improvements proposed by the county, required of the developer, and/or approved by the State.

In 2001, we met with Mr. Joseph Rutter, Director for Anne Arundel County Planning and Zoning, to discuss these matters. At that meeting, Mr. Rutter agreed to work with SHA to resolve our concerns as well as certain technical issues that they had raised (such as an allegedly overly restrictive lot line requirement), but did not send us drafts of the proposed changes for review.

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In 2005, Anne Arundel County adopted changes to their regulations which, while relieving SHA's previous line of decision concerns, had the effect of departing from the spirit of SHA's Type II requirements by:

1. Allowing a 66 decibel impact at the dwelling
2. Using 66 decibels as the 'not to exceed' goal (66 dBA is the State's Noise Abatement Criterion)
3. Not citing the references to standards for analyzing noise levels
4. Not requiring developers to include anticipated or approved highway improvements
5. Not requiring developers to utilize the maximum noise generating potential for a highway (modeling a level of service 'D' with observed traffic speeds, whether or not they are above the posted speed limit)
6. by eliminating all ramps from the set-back requirement
7. not providing for a remedy/hold-harmless statement (regarding responsibility for abatement should the actual future noise levels be higher than anticipated when there is an approved noise report for the development).

Proposal:

We propose sending a letter to County Executive Owens detailing our concerns, and placing them on notice that, (CTP allowances for new Type II barriers aside), until the regulation is resolved the State will not be able to consider funding Type II sound barriers in Anne Arundel County, and offering technical assistance toward resolving those issues.

Concurrence:

Charles B. Adams, Director
Office of Environmental Design

Attachments:

1. Original 1998 Anne Arundel County code on "Lot characteristics"
2. Revised 2005 Anne Arundel County code on "Setbacks from certain roads"
3. Revised 2005 AA County code, with internal SHA remarks
4. Proposed revisions for AA County code

CC: Mr. Steven Foster, Chief, Access Engineering Division
Mr. Greg Welker, District Engineer, District 5
Mr. Dan Uebersax, Chief, Landscape Architecture Division

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Anne Arundel County Subdivision Regulations:

As originally enacted: January 5, 1998

TITLE 3. DESIGN STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS

SUBTITLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 3-107. Lot characteristics.

- (k) (1) Each residential lot shall maintain the following setback from the closest lot line to the edge of pavement of the following highways:
 - (i) 640 feet from I-97;
 - (ii) 660 feet from I-695;
 - (iii) 610 feet from US 50;
 - (iv) 420 feet from MD 10;
 - (v) 410 feet from MD 100;
 - (vi) 335 feet from MD 32; and
 - (vii) 190 feet from the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.
- (2) The setback may be reduced if:
 - (I) a noise study is conducted to determine the decibel reading at the property line using the State Department of Transportation model;
 - (II) the study findings determine:
 - 1. highway noise mitigation measures required to bring the decibel reading at the lot line to an acceptable 66dBA; or
 - 2. a setback less than required under paragraph (1) of this subsection at which the decibel reading is at 66dBA or less;
 - (III) the State Department of Transportation approves all proposed highway noise mitigation measures or reduced setbacks;
 - (IV) noise mitigation measures are included in the development review process and are noted on the record plat; and
 - (V) any physical or structural mitigation is included as an improvement under a public works agreement or a State highway permit.

(Code 1967, § 13-108.2; Bill No. 5-98, § 1)

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Anne Arundel County Subdivision Regulations:
---Revised and Adopted 2005--- problem areas highlighted

TITLE 3. DESIGN STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS

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26-3-505. Setbacks from certain roads.

- (a) **Setbacks from certain roads.** Unless reduced under subsection (b), a residential lot shall be designed to provide for a setback from a dwelling to the edge of the mainline pavement of certain roads, exclusive of ramps, as follows:
- (1) 640 feet to I-97;
 - (2) 660 feet to I-695;
 - (3) 610 feet to US 50;
 - (4) 420 feet to MD 10;
 - (5) 410 feet to MD 100;
 - (6) 335 feet to MD 32; and
 - (7) 190 feet to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.
- (b) Reduction of required setback; noise study. A setback required under subsection (a) may be reduced if the developer conducts a noise study at ground level using the State Department of Transportation model and the study reflects that the decibel reading at the dwelling is at or below 66 dBa or that noise mitigation measures will bring the decibel reading to at or below 66 dBa at the rear of the dwelling.
- (c) Noise mitigation measures. Noise mitigation measures required to be provided by the developer shall be noted on the record plat and be located in open space maintained by a homeowners' association or, if open space is not being created, in a recorded maintenance easement noted on the record plat.

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---Proposed---Amended by MD SHA---

Red letters: CBA comments to Jim's changes

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Jim also recommends that these distances be re-examined in light of recent observations of increased noise levels throughout the State due to speeds and other factors.

Why don't we suggest a two step approach, Step 1 require that the noise levels must be less than 66 decibels at either the lot line or the active use portions of residential property. Step 2, use the various distances as a guide to what setbacks may allow developers to meet the 66 decibel level without some physical barrier. If their ordinance does not accomplish this, which is consistent with SHA and FHWA policies, then we would have to indicate to the county that their ordinance no longer met our requirements and they would not be eligible for the Type II program.

Rather than simply eliminate the reference excluding ramps, we should say to them that it should be reworded to say inclusive of ramp movements to any from connecting roads.

I agree we should probably update the information.

- (b) Reduction of required setback; noise study. A setback required under subsection (a) may be reduced if the developer conducts a noise study
- 1) at **five feet above** ground level; **agree**
 - 2) using the latest release of the FHWA Traffic Noise Model (TNM) and methods consistent with FHWA Highway Traffic Noise Prediction Model (Report No. FHWA-RD-77-108) and FHWA's "HIGHWAY TRAFFIC NOISE ANALYSIS AND ABATEMENT POLICY AND GUIDANCE" June 1995 **agree**
 - 3) utilizing the maximum noise generating traffic mix;

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a. Level of Service 'D'

b. including traffic for any highway improvements that have been approved, and/or appear on the County Master Plan (whether or not constructed);

- 4) and the study reflects that the decibel reading at the **lot line*** is at or below 66 dBA or this should say below 66 decibels, which is the impact level therefore not to have an impact, the levels must be less than 66 decibels.
- 5) that noise mitigation measures will bring the decibel reading to at or below 66 dBA at the **lot line***. Same comment as above

(c) Noise mitigation measures. Noise mitigation measures required to be provided by the developer shall be noted on the record plat and be located in open space maintained by a homeowners' association or, if open space is not being created, in a recorded maintenance easement noted on the record plat.

***or outside the area that is reasonably determined to be of frequent human use. Agree**

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<u>Highway</u>	<u>Setback Distance</u>		
	<u>4 lanes</u>	<u>6 lanes</u>	<u>8 lanes</u>
(1) 640 feet to I-97;	<u>411</u>	<u>515</u>	<u>658</u>
(2) 660 feet to I-695;	<u>N/A</u>	<u>530</u>	<u>624</u>
(3) 610 feet to US 50;	<u>N/A</u>	<u>625</u>	<u>N/A</u>
(4) US 50/ 301;	<u>N/A</u>	<u>625</u>	<u>N/A</u>
(5) (4) 420 feet to MD 10;	<u>N/A</u>	<u>472</u>	<u>N/A</u>
(6) (5) 410 feet to MD 100;	<u>420</u>	<u>455</u>	<u>N/A</u>
(7) (6) 335 feet to MD 32;	<u>N/A</u>	<u>486</u>	<u>N/A</u>
(8) (7) 190 feet to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.	<u>343</u>	<u>479</u>	<u>N/A</u>

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- a. Level of Service 'D', and
 - b. traffic speeds that are observed during peak noise hour events, regardless of posted speed, and
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- 4) and the study reflects that the anticipated decibel reading at the lot line or inside the area that is reasonably determined to be of frequent human use is below 66 dBA or
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- (d) When a property owner uses "the area of frequent human use" of this provision, the boundary beyond which highway traffic noise levels may be at or above 66 decibels shall be clearly demarcated on the record plat by a noise contour line and note which indicates beyond which highway traffic noise levels may equal or exceed 66 decibels, and that the State Highway Administration will not be responsible for mitigating highway traffic noise impacts.

Generalized Noise Level Projections for Major Highways in Anne Arundel County

06/02/2006 9:00 AM

ROUTE	CHARACTERISTICS	DISTANCE IN FEET FROM CENTERLINE OF ROADWAY - AVERAGE HOURLY NOISE LEVEL (Leq (h))							SUMMARY OF TRAFFIC PARAMETERS				
		72 dBA	70 dBA	68 dBA	67 dBA	66 dBA	65 dBA	60 dBA	ADT	Veh/Hr	%HT	%MT	Speed
MD 10	6 Lanes / 50' Median (2003 ADT)	125	150	175	200	225	250	400	55,375	4,210	2.5	3.2	65
	6 Lanes / 50' Median	275	306	374	403	436	472	690	LOS 'D'	11,350	2.5	3.2	60
MD 100	6 Lanes / 54' Median (2003 ADT)	170	228	243	260	275	290	393	55,375	4,485	5.1	1.7	65
	6 Lanes / 54' Median	281	322	356	370	388	420	637	LOS 'D'	11,280	5.1	1.7	60
	4 Lanes / 54' Median	214	255	314	352	398	455	739	LOS 'D'	7,460	5.1	1.7	60
I-97	6 Lanes/60' Median (2003 ADT)	254	300	330	375	404	450	650	106,075	3,994	4.8	6.6	65
	4 Lanes/60' Median	241	286	327	352	380	411	567	LOS 'D'	3,660	4.8	6.6	60
	6 Lanes/60' Median	308	357	414	447	485	515	800+	LOS 'D'	5,550	4.8	6.6	60
	8 Lanes / 60' Median	375	432	500	525	550	658	850+	LOS 'D'	14,850	4.8	6.6	60
I-695	8 Lanes / 24' Median (2003 ADT)	300	350	450	500	600	700	850+	131,525	9,637	5.9	7.9	60
	6 Lanes/24' Median	301	351	415	450	472	530	781	LOS 'D'	10,900	5.9	7.9	61
	8 Lanes / 24' Median	365	427	500	541	583	624	850+	LOS 'D'	14,650	5.9	7.9	61
MD 32	6 Lanes / 54' Median (2003 ADT)	200	225	260	280	318	350	500	61,225	5,204	5.0	3.0	65
	6 Lanes / 54' Median	285	331	384	416	450	486	715	LOS 'D'	11,200	5.0	3.0	61
US 50/301	6 Lanes / 50' Median (2003 ADT)	275	310	375	410	443	490	900	124,875	9,553	7.0	3.0	65
	6 Lanes / 50' Median	324	375	443	493	557	625	900+	LOS 'D'	11,712	7.0	3.0	65
B/W Parkway	4 Lanes / 72'-100' Median (2003 ADT)	180	200	225	240	255	270	393	84,825	7,210	0.0	0.0	60
	4 Lanes / 72'-100' Median	203	253	295	301	322	343	486	LOS 'D'	10,408	0.0	0.0	60
	6 Lanes / 72'-100' Median	225	243	270	310	325	350	500	92,325	7,848	2.0	3.0	60
	6 Lanes / 72'-100' Median	295	337	386	414	443	479	695	LOS 'D'	10,812	2.0	3.0	60

Definitions

ADT - Average Daily Traffic

LOS 'D' - Traffic Level of Service at which the largest number of vehicles can travel at maximum speed (2003 Highway Capacity Manual)

HT - Heavy Truck, any truck with a high exhaust stack and three or more axles

MT - Medium Truck, any truck with two axles and six wheels and low exhaust

Explanatory notes:

The above noise level estimates were developed using the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Traffic Noise Model (TNM) Program Version 2.5. Assumptions regarding roadway geometry and TNM model development include a) single equivalent lane/ direction based on the number of lanes times 12', b) separation of equivalent lanes based on median width as given, c) "soft site" propagation rate (attenuation of 4.5 per doubling of distance), and no extra attenuation or shielding for barrier or atmospheric effects with the exception of humidity.

The distances given are based upon the traffic parameters shown. Traffic volumes are based upon current 2003 Traffic volumes and on the Highway Capacity Manual volumes for LOS 'D' at the speeds shown in the chart. LOS 'D' reflects the combination of traffic and speed that would yield "worst-case" (highest) noise levels.

The overall accuracy of the distances given should be considered approximately +/- 10 feet. Those distance noted by shading should be considered somewhat overestimated (meaning that the actual distance would be somewhat less than shown). The TNM computer model tends to overestimate distances of greater than 800-1000 feet.

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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., *Governor*
Michael S. Steele, *Lt. Governor*

Robert L. Flanagan, *Secretary*
Neil J. Pedersen, *Administrator*

Maryland Department of Transportation

March 29, 2006

The Honorable Christopher B. Shank
Maryland House of Delegates
302 House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Shank:

This letter is a follow-up to the letter report from Ms. Anne S. Ferro, President and CEO of the Maryland Motor Truck Association, regarding heavy truck noise near the former residence of Mr. Anthony Evans, who lives at 21615 Ridenour Road, in Boonsboro. This location is along I-70 westbound, near the South Mountain downgrade, in Washington County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide the following information.

Mr. Evans contacted SHA in July, 2003 regarding heavy truck noise. As Mr. Evans' home had just been built in 2001, his community is not eligible for Type II sound barriers, as outlined below. Because Mr. Evans was concerned about heavy truck noise, especially "jake braking," he was referred to the Maryland State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division in Linthicum Heights, as the issue was one for enforcement by that agency. Ms. Ferro's letter (a copy of which is enclosed), indicates that her organization investigated the area, and she offered several possible solutions to reduce noise. These included the reduction of noise at the source; education of all interested parties about the nature of traffic noise; and consideration of sound barriers and landscaping.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) considers the need for sound barriers in two circumstances, designated "Type I" and "Type II." In "Type I" situations, barriers are considered when a new highway is being built or an existing highway is being expanded. At this time, we have no plans to improve this portion of I-70 that would warrant a Type I sound barrier evaluation. If such a project were planned for this segment of I-70, however, we would analyze the impact of the proposed improvements on projected future noise levels. We would, specifically, determine whether future highway noise levels will equal or exceed the impact threshold of sixty-six decibels. If so, then we would also determine whether the highway noise would be at least three decibels higher than it would have been, if the highway were not improved. A three-decibel increase is required, because the human ear only begins to discern a change in noise levels if the change is between three and five decibels. The homes that would be impacted by any such increase in highway noise would also have to predate the approval of the highway improvements. If these conditions were met, we would then determine whether we could reduce the excess noise for a reasonable cost.

My telephone number/toll-free number is 410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770

Maryland Relay Service for Impaired Hearing or Speech: 1.800.735.2258 Statewide Toll Free

Street Address: 707 North Calvert Street • Baltimore, Maryland 21202 • Phone: 410.545.0300 • www.marylandroads.com

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When a highway already exists and is *not* being expanded—so that Type I criteria do not apply—communities may be considered for our “Type II,” or “retrofit,” sound barrier program. The intent of the Type II program is to address areas of noise impact along highways that were built before environmental analyses became a part of the highway development process. A number of criteria must be met for a Type II barrier to be approved. First, the county in which the community is located must have an ordinance that addresses the impact of highway traffic noise on new residential development. In addition, the highway in question must be a controlled-access highway (one with interchanges rather than at-grade intersections). If both of these conditions exist, then all of the following technical criteria must also be met: the majority of impacted homes must predate the highway; existing noise levels must equal or exceed the sixty-six-decibel impact threshold; and it must be possible to build an effective barrier for \$50,000 or less per benefited home. If all of these criteria are met, the county must then agree to fund twenty percent of the barrier cost. As mentioned above, Mr. Evans’ home is not eligible for abatement because it post-dates the construction of I-70. Ms. Ferro also described an option for the consideration of a vegetative buffer. When a community postdates a highway, we are unable to offer any form of abatement, including landscape buffers.

Thank you for your interest in the State’s Sound Barrier Program. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA at 410-545-8640, toll-free 800-446-5962 or via email at cadams@sha.state.md.us. Mr. Adams will be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Neil J. Pedersen
Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design, SHA
Ms. Anne S. Ferro, President and CEO, Maryland Motor Truck Association
The Honorable Donald F. Munson, Member, Senate of Maryland
The Honorable Gregory I. Snook, President, Washington County Board of County Commissioners



Maryland Motor Truck Association



March 3, 2006

The Honorable Chris Shank
Lowe House Office Building, Room 302
84 College Ave.
Annapolis, MD 21401 - 1991

Dear Delegate Shank:

Thank you for forwarding a letter from Mr. Anthony Evans concerning traffic and truck noise that is emanating from Interstate 70 to my attention. I asked Mr. Craig Talbott, MMTA's Vice President for Safety and a retired commercial vehicle enforcement officer with the Maryland State Police, to survey the area and advise us based on his expertise with equipment operation and enforcement.

The location of Mr. Evans' home, with its proximity to Interstate 70, is under a constant stream of traffic noise. The issue he raises prompts several questions: How much of the noise is in excess of the maximum allowable decibel limit for a moving vehicle? Could stationary or moving vehicle noise procedures be used to detect the offending vehicles? Does a survey need to be completed?

Traffic noise, an ever-increasing reality due to congestion in our region, impacts the quality of life for residents living next to interstate highways. The area Mr. Evans' lives in is at the bottom of a 1 1/2 mile downgrade from South Mountain. The trucks that travel westbound on I-70 generally use a lower gear to descend the downgrade so that a gradual and safe speed can be maintained. Some trucks also use the Jacobs' Engine Brake System ("jake brake") to reduce their speed on this downgrade. Both of these factors add to the ambient noise level that is being experienced by Mr. Evans. They emanate, not from the brake system, but from the engine and exhaust systems of vehicles.

An equally loud if not louder noise source are the tires used on all vehicles. Tires with tread designs that incorporate a "snow tire", "oversized", or "lugged" types of tread pattern will create a constant stream of loud noise. This situation is exacerbated when the highway surface is wet from rain, fog, or snow. The different composition of highway surfaces also impacts the level of noise that tires produce. Interstate 70 is one of the main east/west interstates in this country and carries a large volume of truck as well as passenger vehicle traffic at a posted speed limit of 65 miles per hour. Higher speeds will result in higher levels of noise.

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From our experience, several options for managing the level of traffic noise could be considered. We are not advocating any one in particular:

- Reduce noise at the source – have all parties coordinate with the State Police to ensure that all vehicles that operate on the highways have adequate muffler systems and are complying with State and Federal noise regulations. The State scale houses on I-70 westbound and on I-270 westbound could be utilized for the examination of vehicles in the stationary noise procedures.
- Education – develop an educational program for citizens, civic associations, developers, legislators, highway officials, etc. to inform all concerned about the nature of traffic noise, what it is, what are causes, what can be done, and eliminate some common misconceptions about noise.
- Block traffic noise – examine the use of noise barriers similar to the ones in use on the Capital and Baltimore beltways provided the area would qualify as a Type II project as defined by the Federal Highway Administration (Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter I, Part 772, Section 13). The use of landscaping measures such as trees, shrubs, etc. could also absorb some of the noise.

In closing, it is important to note that Mr. Evans' home is situated about 1,000 feet from Ridenour Rd. and 200 feet from the west bound lanes of Interstate 70. It appears to have been built within the past few years although Interstate 70 has been in place for more than thirty years and heavily trafficked for at least the past 5 years. This location on Interstate 70 is nearly at the bottom of a 1 ½ mile long down grade from the top of South Mountain where the speed limit is 65 mph. Given the significant development of residential, recreational, and commercial growth west of this location it is a foregone conclusion that traffic noise will not diminish in the near future.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. I hope our response provides the input you were seeking.

Sincerely,

Anne S. Ferro
President & CEO

cc: Captain Bill Dofflemeyer, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division
Maryland State Police
Mr. Craig Talbott, VP Safety, Maryland Motor Truck Association, Inc.

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bcc: Ms. Valerie Burnette Edgar, Director of Communications, State Highway Administration
Mr. Robert L. Fisher, District Engineer, State Highway Administration
James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration
Mr. David Marks, Chief of Staff, Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. Edward B. Miller, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor - sent by TAO
Ms. Nanette M. Schieke, State Legislative Officer, MDOT
Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, SHA
Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Deputy Administrator for Planning and Engineering, SHA
Mrs. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Manager, SHA

Serial #: None

OED Serial#: None

Noise Customer #: 2636 (Mr. Anthony M. Evans)

Responding to letter dated: Follow-up to 03-03-2006 email from Ms. Anne Ferro to Ms. Marlyn Hill forwarding a copy of her 03-03-2006 letter report to Del. Shank as a "heads up" for SHA; Ms. Ferro wrote:

Hi Marlyn. This letter went to Delegate Shank today. Thought you might want to share it with the District engineer out there in case Delegate Shank approaches Neil on the issue."

On 03-03-2006, Ms. Ferro's email and letter to Del. Shank were then forwarded by Ms. Marlyn Hill to District Engineer Robert Fisher and OED Director, Charles Adams; on 03-15-2006, Mr. Fisher forwarded the email to Mr. Charles Adams asking, "Are you addressing this?"; the emails were, in turn, forwarded on 03-15-2005 to the Noise Abatement Team for response

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Enclosure:

Copy of 03-03-2006 letter report on heavy truck noise along westbound I-70 at the end of the downgrade at South Mountain near Ridenour Road in Washington County from Ms. Anne S. Ferro, President and CEO, Maryland Motor Truck Association, to Delegate Christopher B. Shank

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Ted Severe

From: James Hade
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2006 1:43 PM
To: Ted Severe
Cc: Dan Uebersax
Subject: FW: Del. Shank

Ted:

Please prepare the research and begin a response in a folder.
This will need a slightly shorter fuse because of the days that it spent circulating in the Admin.

Thanks
Jim

From: Charles Adams
Sent: Fri 3/17/2006 12:50 PM
To: Bob Fisher
Cc: James Hade
Subject: Del. Shank

FYI, I just got a call from Liz Jones from Delegate Shank's office about the I-70 noise letter from Ann Ferro and I let her know we are preparing a response.

Charlie

03/17/2006

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. James D. Hade
Noise Abatement Team Leader

FROM: Mr. Ted Severe
Administrative Assistant
Noise Abatement Team

SUBJECT: Email received March 15, 2006 concerning high levels of heavy truck noise along Westbound I-70 near South Mountain in Washington County adjacent to 21615 Ridenour Road, Boonsboro

On March 15, an email was forwarded to Mr. Charles Adams from District 7 Engineer Robert Fisher regarding a possible noise complaint from a resident along I-70 near South Mountain in Washington County. Research into the forwarded email found that the original email was sent by Ms. Anne Ferro, President and CEO of the Maryland Motor Truck Association (MMTA), to Ms. Marlyn Hill, of the SHA Administrator's Office. Attached to that email was a letter report from Ms. Ferro to Delegate Christopher B. Shank, District 2B. This letter report was MMTA's findings regarding a complaint from Mr. Anthony Evans, of 21615 Ridenour Road, Boonsboro, MD, about heavy commercial truck noise adjacent to his home along westbound I-70 on the downgrade from South Mountain.

The letter report was not in the nature of a complaint for SHA to resolve. It is my belief that the letter report was provided to SHA as a "heads up." Further research found that Mr. Evans just sold his home on March 6, 2006 (per the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation's Real Property Data Search website).

Coincidentally, Mr. Evans had contacted the Noise Abatement Team on July 16, 2003 requesting information about what to do about the heavy truck noise, especially from "jake braking." Mr. Evans was advised to contact the Maryland State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division (mailing address and telephone number) so that agency could investigate his complaint. Mr. Evans' home was built in 2001. His community would not be eligible for Type II abatement because it postdates I-70. The community would only be potentially eligible for Type I consideration if widening of I-70 in his area were to be proposed.

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Ted Severe

From: Irene Heline
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2006 1:21 PM
To: Charles Adams
Cc: Ted Severe; James Hade
Subject: RE: I 70 noise complaint
Attachments: Shank I-70.doc

Charlie,

We have not. I forwarded to Ted. He is getting a response started.

Irene

From: Charles Adams
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2006 12:09 PM
To: Irene Heline
Subject: FW: I 70 noise complaint

Irene, have we received this for any response?

From: Bob Fisher
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2006 12:03 PM
To: Charles Adams
Subject: FW: I 70 noise complaint

Are you addressing this?

Robert L. Fisher
District Engineer, District 6
1251 Vocke Road
LaVale Maryland 21502
Phone: 301-729-8486
1-800-760-7138

From: Marlyn Hill
Sent: Friday, March 03, 2006 11:00 AM
To: Charles Adams; Bob Fisher
Subject: FW: I 70 noise complaint

From: Anne Ferro [mailto:anneferro@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, March 03, 2006 8:43 AM

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To: Marlyn Hill
Cc: ndofflemyer@mdsp.org
Subject: I 70 noise complaint

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Anne

03/15/2006



Maryland Motor Truck Association

Good stuff.



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March 3, 2006

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- Education – develop an educational program for citizens, civic associations, developers, legislators, highway officials, etc. to inform all concerned about the nature of traffic noise, what it is, what are causes, what can be done, and eliminate some common misconceptions about noise.
- Block traffic noise – examine the use of noise barriers similar to the ones in use on the Capital and Baltimore beltways provided the area would qualify as a Type II project as defined by the Federal Highway Administration (Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter I, Part 772, Section 13). The use of landscaping measures such as trees, shrubs, etc. could also absorb some of the noise.

In closing, it is important to note that Mr. Evans' home is situated about 1,000 feet from Ridenour Rd. and 200 feet from the west bound lanes of Interstate 70. It appears to have been built within the past few years although Interstate 70 has been in place for more than thirty years and heavily trafficked for at least the past 5 years. This location on Interstate 70 is nearly at the bottom of a 1 ½ mile long down grade from the top of South Mountain where the speed limit is 65 mph. Given the significant development of residential, recreational, and commercial growth west of this location it is a foregone conclusion that traffic noise will not diminish in the near future.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. I hope our response provides the input you were seeking.

Sincerely,

Anne S. Ferro
President & CEO

cc: Captain Bill Dofflemeyer, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division
Maryland State Police
Mr. Craig Talbott, VP Safety, Maryland Motor Truck Association, Inc.

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2636		10/09/2002	Phone	EVANS	Mr. Anthony M.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
STREET#	STREET NAME	COUNTY	CITY (Post office)	ZIP CODE	Representative stat	
21615	Ridenour Road	WA	Boonsboro	21713-1526	private	
Elected Official whom has communicated directly to us on this cu						Find Next
DAY PHONE	HOME PHONE	E-Mail address	COMMUNITY	HDR Dbase Link		
301-665-9201 X77	301-791-6460	accuscope@aol.co	Ridenour Road			
Logical Project Limit	ROADWAY	I-70	Barrier Nam			
near intersection of I-70 & MD 66						
RESPONSE			INQUIRY		2nd Contact	
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			10/09/2002			
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3-15-06 Update - Owner of Record, as of 03-06-2006, is Mr. Derek A. Huzzy. Rec'd copy of letter to Del. Shanks from MD Motor Truck Assn on behalf of Mr. Evans regarding the heavy highway traffic noise near Mr. Evans' home						
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Cell phone number: 301-606-3177 (this info provided in 07-16-2003 e-mail) 7-16-03 Rec'd e-mail from Mr. Evans; he contacted MSP Comm'l Vehicle Div; they are monitoring area; researched Jacobs braking system; would like a barrier in the area 10-09-02 Mr. Evans called; spoke w/Ted Severe; wants enforcement re: Jake braking near his home near I-70; verbally provided MSP Comm'l Vehicle Enforc. Div. Info						
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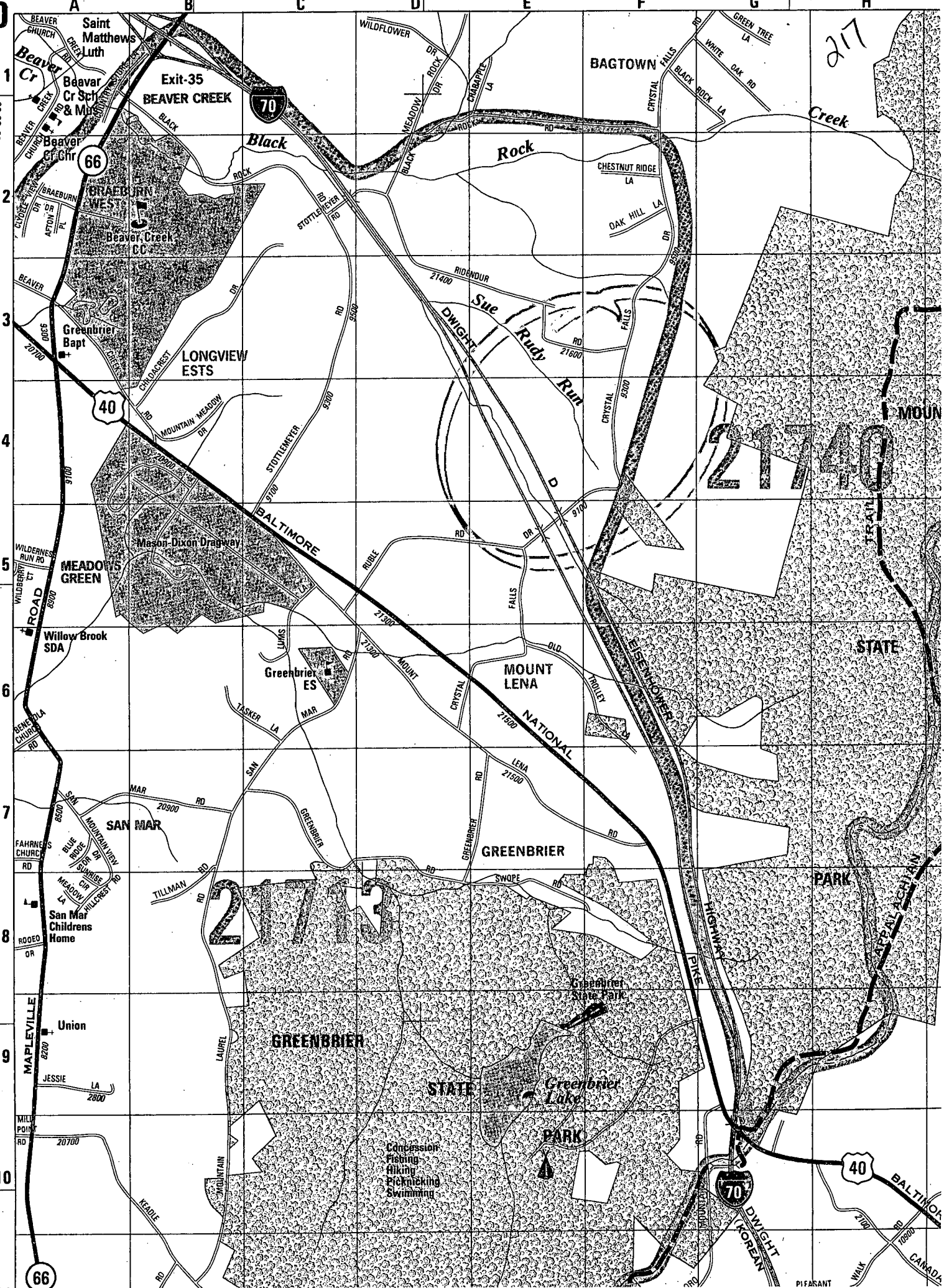
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<u>KENNEDY STEVE M</u>	16 020931	RIDENOUR ROAD	N	64 448
<u>STROHL RICHARD A</u>	16 007285	RIDENOUR ROAD	N	64 75
<u>STROHL RICHARD A</u>	16 007277	RIDENOUR ROAD	N	64 163
<u>ZIMMERMAN LUTHER</u>	16 013919	21347 RIDENOUR ROAD	N	64 428
<u>ANGLE JERRY A & M</u>	16 010103	21407 RIDENOUR ROAD	H	64 388
<u>SWOPE LUTHER A &</u>	16 001953	21415 RIDENOUR ROAD	H	64 388
<u>NEFF RUSSELL U II</u>	16 007722	21421 RIDENOUR ROAD	H	64 388
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<u>ELLIOTT CAROL ANN</u>	16 023523	21438 RIDENOUR ROAD	H	64 469
<u>MOWAT KENNETH LAR</u>	16 007579	21443 RIDENOUR ROAD	H	64 388
<u>PLUNKARD ALLEN L</u>	16 008400	21509 RIDENOUR ROAD	H	64 388
<u>PAPA CHRISTOPHER</u>	16 022640	21510 RIDENOUR ROAD	H	64 469
<u>TAYLOR LAURIE ANN</u>	16 025674	21517 RIDENOUR ROAD	N	64 360
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<u>RUBECK COLLEEN J</u>	16 009350	21535 RIDENOUR ROAD	H	64 386
<u>STROHL RICHARD A</u>	16 007269	21536 RIDENOUR ROAD	D	64 163
<u>SCHROYER BRIAN L</u>	16 005959	21543 RIDENOUR ROAD	H	64 386
<u>FRANZINA THOMAS W</u>	16 014109	21553 RIDENOUR ROAD	H	64 386
<u>KEMP CHANNING & M</u>	16 014621	21555 RIDENOUR ROAD	H	64 434
<u>HOLLENBACH TAMMY</u>	16 014605	21561 RIDENOUR ROAD	H	64 435
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→ <u>HUZZY DEREK A</u>	16 022799	21615 RIDENOUR ROAD	D	64 473
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<u>CALANDRELLE MARIO</u>	16 001422	21641 RIDENOUR ROAD	H	64	61
<u>DEAL GERALD A</u>	16 002143	21642 RIDENOUR ROAD	H	64	34

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Owner Information

Owner Name: HUZZY DEREK A Use: RESIDENTIAL
Principal Residence: YES
Mailing Address: 21615 RIDENOUR RD Deed Reference: 1) / 2939/ 574
BOONSBORO MD 21713-1526 2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address
21615 RIDENOUR ROAD
BOONSBORO 21713

Legal Description
LOT 6 16.22 ACRES
21615 RIDENOUR RD

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Assessment Area	Plat No:	6229
64	2	473					6	1	Plat Ref:	

Special Tax Areas
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Ad Valorem
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Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
2001	2,995 SF	16.22 AC	000000

Stories	Basement	Type	Exterior
2	YES	STANDARD UNIT	BRICK

Value Information

	Base Value	Value As Of 01/01/2004	Phase-in Assessments As Of 07/01/2005	As Of 07/01/2006
Land:	83,350	93,350		
Improvements:	218,460	265,900		
Total:	301,810	359,250	340,102	359,250
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	0

Transfer Information

Seller:	Date:	Price:
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Type: IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH	Deed1: / 2939/ 574	Deed2:
Seller: PRYOR TROY L &	Date: 09/09/2002	Price: \$370,000
Type: IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH	Deed1: / 1826/ 79	Deed2:
Seller: FAZENBAKER JAMES E	Date: 07/26/2000	Price: \$85,000
Type: NOT ARMS-LENGTH	Deed1: / 1586/ 833	Deed2:

Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2005	07/01/2006
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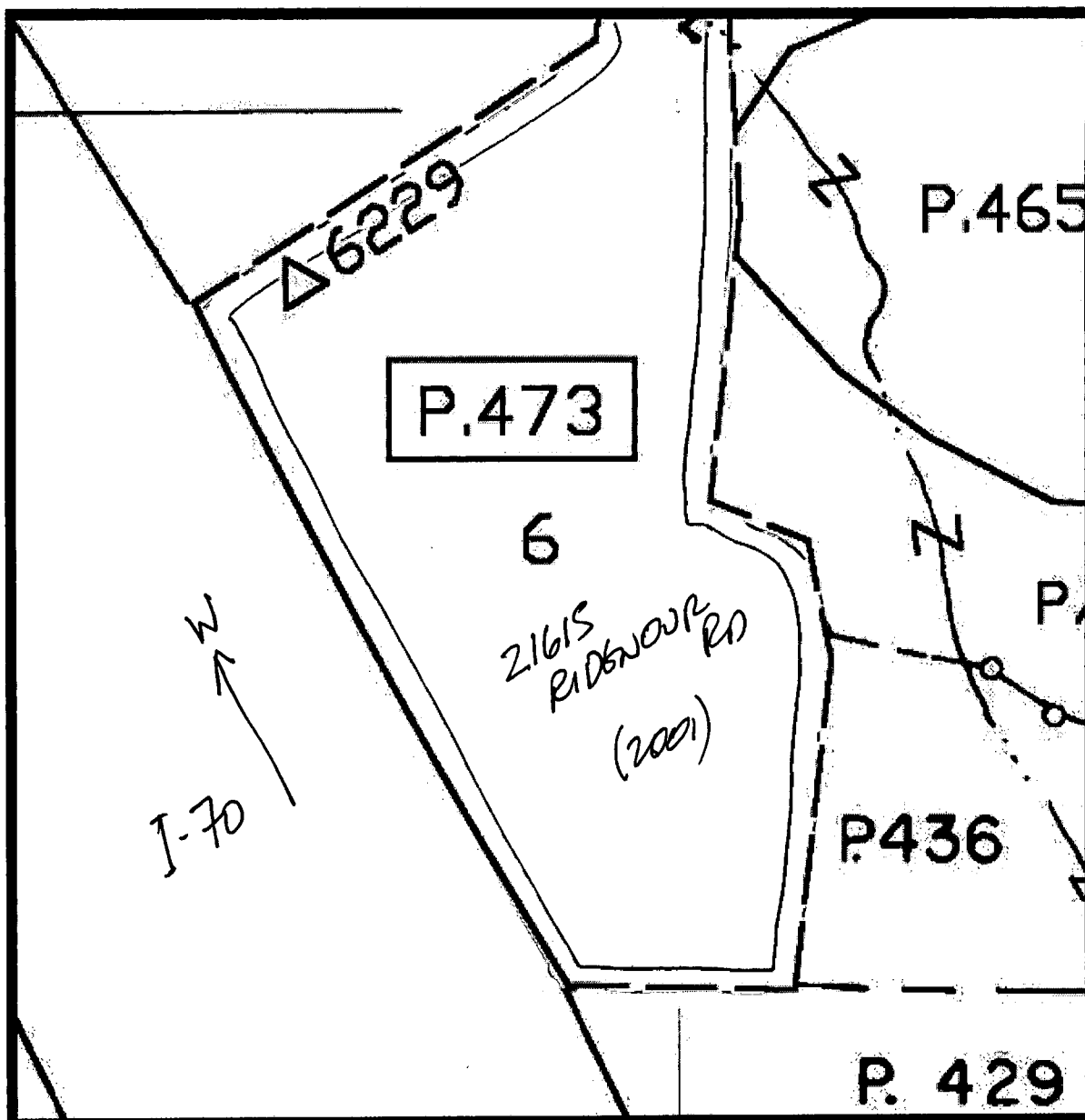


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Maryland Department of Transportation

April 24, 2006

The Honorable Luiz R.S. Simmons
Maryland House of Delegates
225 Lowe House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Simmons:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of Mr. Don Kettlestrings, of the West End Park community, adjacent to northbound I-270, north of the I-270/MD 28 interchange, in Rockville, Montgomery County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide the following summary of the results of our reanalysis of highway noise impacts for this community.

The reanalysis used the original 1983 ambient noise and traffic prediction data and included analysis of the homes closest to I-270 on Owens Court, Owens Street, and Nelson Street, using the technology on which the 1983 analysis had been based. The results showed that, had specific receptors from West End Park been included in the original I-270 noise analysis from 1983, the community would not have been found to be impacted from that widening of this highway.

Additionally, an analysis was conducted using current highway traffic noise prediction technology (Traffic Noise Model or TNM) with the original traffic data and determined that the outcome would have been the same. The homes in West End Park would not have been expected to be impacted in the design year of 2010.

Of course, I realize that these results are not what the community had hoped to hear, given current highway noise levels at these locations. The disparity between these results and current observations can be explained by today's higher traffic speeds, higher concentration of medium and large trucks, and increased tendency for vehicles to travel more closely together. Together, these factors yield noise levels that are higher than could have been anticipated in 1983.

Although these results disqualify this community for a Type I sound barrier, there is another avenue that we can explore. I say this because our Type I program, which applies to new highway construction, is based exclusively on *pre-construction projections of future highway noise*. Our Type II (retrofit) program, in contrast, addresses *highway noise in the present, as it is experienced by communities that predate the highway*. As a majority of the homes along Nelson Street predate the 1964 system opening date for I-270, my staff will determine if the area meets the remaining requirements for a Type II barrier. This investigation will focus on current highway noise measurements and the degree to which we could meaningfully reduce highway noise within our cost guidelines of \$50,000 per benefited residence. We will also analyze the feasibility of constructing a barrier and whether the local traffic on Nelson Street would diminish the effectiveness of a barrier along I-270. We anticipate final results by the end of this year and will keep you apprised of our progress.

My telephone number/toll-free number is 410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770

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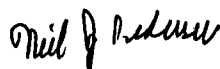
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Thank you, again, for your letter and continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640, toll-free 800-446-5962 or via email at cadams@sha.state.md.us. Mr. Adams will be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Neil J. Pedersen
Administrator

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Serial #: Follow-up to WCS 22240

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Responding to letter dated: Follow-up to 02-23-2006 letter from Del. Simmons to Mr. Charles Adams regarding SHA's proposed reanalysis of that portion of I-270 near West End Park using original 1983 ambient noise and traffic prediction data to include a more thorough analysis of the homes closest to I-270 along Owens Court, Owens Street and Nelson Street; the letter to Mr. Adams was in response to a 02-17-2006 email from Mr. Don Kettlestrings to Del. Simmons; Mr. Kettlestrings wrote:

"Thank you very much for all your efforts in behalf of our West End Park neighborhood. I've received a copy a Secretary Flanagan's letter to you of 2/145 explaining the Dept. of Transportation's plans for future analysis of our sound wall situation.

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"I look forward to hearing from you after completion of the reanalysis in March.

"Once again, please accept my thanks for all your work for our neighborhood."

Del. Simmons wrote to Mr. Adams on 02-23-2006:

"I hope this finds you well. I enclose an e-mail from my constituent Don Kettlestrings concerning Secretary Flanagan's letter of February 14, 2006 (attached). I would appreciate receiving a copy of your response to Mr. Kettlestrings.

"Also I want to emphasize that the City of Rockville has performed noise level tests very recently and found the decibel level to be higher than acceptable. I have been out to the neighborhood in the summer and I can assure you that the noise is so deafening that it is difficult to maintain a conversation. I have every confidence that you will not treat this in a perfunctory manner and that you will take every opportunity to acquaint yourself with the current nature and extent of the problem

"I look forward to hearing from you."

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LUIZ R.S. SIMMONS

Home Address
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February 23, 2006

Mr. Charles B. Adams
Director of Environmental Design, SHA
707 North Calvert Street, #C-303
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: Sound Barrier in Rockville, MD

Dear Mr. Adams:

I hope this note finds you well. I enclose an e-mail from my constituent Don Kettlestrings concerning Secretary Flanagan's letter of February 14, 2006 (attached). I would appreciate receiving a copy of your response to Mr. Kettlestrings.

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I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Luiz R. S. Simmons
Delegate, District #17

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From: Donald Kettlestrings
To: Luiz Simmons, Luiz Simmons
Cc: Dennis Cain, Anne Dobbs, Ed Fitzgerald, Paul Geddo, Jerry Jolly, Tom Moore [Show 3 more](#)
Subject: Sound Wall
Date: Fri, 17 Feb 2006 13:42:44 -0800 (PST)

Dear Luiz,

Thank you very much for all your efforts in behalf of our West End neighborhood. I've received a copy a Secretary Flanagan's letter to you of 2/14 explaining the Dept. of Transportation's plans for future analysis of our sound wall situation.

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I look forward to hearing from you after completion of the reanalysis in March.

Once again, please accept my thanks for all your work for our neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Don Kettlestrings

Mr. Don Kettlestrings
743 Owens Street
Rockville, Maryland 20850-2152



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February 14, 2006

The Honorable Luiz R.S. Simmons
Maryland House of Delegates
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6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Simmons:

This letter responds to your request for a sound barrier for the West End Park community, adjacent to northbound I-270, north of the I-270/MD 28 interchange, in Rockville, Montgomery County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide the following information.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) has reevaluated the 1983 environmental noise analysis, which was conducted for the improvements to I-270, from the I-270 Y (spur) to MD 121. While the Woodley Gardens Park was analyzed and found not to be eligible for abatement, it appears that the West End Park Community may have been assumed to have the same relationship to the proposed highway improvements as the park and, therefore, to fail eligibility under the same criteria.

A review of current topographic information, however, shows that the West End Park community does not have the same physical relationship to the highway as Woodley Gardens Park. The SHA will conduct a Type I sound barrier reanalysis of the West End Park community. This reanalysis will use the original ambient noise and traffic prediction data and will include a more thorough analysis of the homes closest to I-270 on Owens Court, Owens Street, and Nelson Street. The SHA will then determine whether the community would have been eligible for a sound barrier, had it been analyzed in this manner in 1983. We anticipate that this reanalysis will be completed by the end of March and will be pleased to provide the results to you when they are available.

Thank you for your patience and continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA at 410-545-8640, toll-free 800-446-5962 or via email at cadams@sha.state.md.us. SHA will be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Flanagan
Secretary

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Responding to letter dated: Follow-up to 01-04-2006 interim letter from Sec. Flanagan to Del. Simmons; Sec. Flanagan wrote:

"Thank you for your letter regarding a sound barrier for the West End Park community, adjacent to northbound I-270 north of the I-270/MD 28 interchange in Rockville, Montgomery County. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your concerns.

"Before getting back to you with a definitive response, I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss your request with State Highway Administrator Neil J. Pedersen. You can expect to hear from me soon.

"Thank you again for your letter. I look forward to getting back to you soon. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me."

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Ted Severe

From: James Hade
Sent: Wednesday, January 04, 2006 11:30 AM
To: Ted Severe
Subject: FW: Approach to West End Park

Ted:

For your use and action.

Jim

From: Charles Adams
Sent: Wednesday, January 04, 2006 11:07 AM
To: James Hade
Subject: RE: Approach to West End Park

One comment I have is if we look at this entire area as a "community" for Type II, we could make the case that the majority of "affected" homes pre-date I-270. I will return the letter to you for revision and it needs to include that we will 1. Revisit the Type I issue based on the fact that this area was not specifically analyzed in the previous document and 2. That we will also evaluate the West End Park community for the Type II program.

From: James Hade
Sent: Wednesday, January 04, 2006 10:59 AM
To: Charles Adams
Cc: Dan Uebersax
Subject: Approach to West End Park

Charlie:

May I recommend an approach for the letter to the Delegate?

If we do the analysis for the last I-270 widening, we may find the cul-de-sac community would have met the criteria. Performing an analysis would be an honest attempt to clear an oversight in the earlier study, but might reveal that we knew that the original analysis was flawed (by even having an omission).

1. The complaining homes in the West End Park cul-de-sac post date, and can;t be looked at under Type II.

2. The majority of Nelson Street Pre-dates, but we have not heard any complaints. RK&K's study for the City of Rockville, showed that they are currently impacted as high as 74 dBA. We first learned this through Delegate Simmons.

We could lay the letter out to thank the delegate for the study information which shows existing impacts for the adjacent community that predates... for which a barrier, if feasible, may likely

provide abatement for West End Park... all we'd need is concurrence from the residents along Nelson Street that they are interested in having us analyze the situation.... cautioning that due to the local road, and the retaining wall that feasibility is a big concern, and that if they were found eligible, funding would not be available until.....

In the mean time, we will conduct a Type I analysis with the original noise and traffic data, using the original modeling technology (Stamina). If we find that the community may have met the 1987 Type I criteria, we will share that with you and have someone look into the feasibility of construction relative to the retaining wall, local noise contributions, and right of way limitations.

James Hade, RLA
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Luiz R. S. Simmons, Delegate
District #17

Simmons meeting w/CBA & Sec on speaker phone; Jim Hade and Charlie Watkins on site with Del. Simmons on site in HoCo. After the speakerphone meeting concluded, Jim told the Delegate that the possible list of projects could be extensive.

The Sec welcomed the Delegate's official request and said he would consider a proposal.

Jim wants to get into the letter the following:

When buildings/subdivisions/highways are developed, they are developed according to the latest codes/and regulations/industry standards; retrofitting is not required when those standards etc. change unless there is a major reconstruction or redevelopment. Our Type II program is voluntary—it is not required, and it was specifically developed to address situations in which no noise analysis was conducted when the original highway was built. The decision not to go back is consistent with other regulated programs and policies.

Jim wanted to focus away from traffic counts.

Jim is aware of communities in Md, similarly situated to West End Park

West End Park:

- The approach of SHA's noise team is to respond to residents when they request a barrier.
 - Analyses that may done, and/or consideration that may given, relates to the homes where residents ask for a barrier.
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- There is a cul de sac, several homes are complaining of noise and asking for a barrier; these post-date I-270.
 - several pre-dating homes, equidistant to I-270 and south of the complainants, not in the cul de sac are not complaining to SHA (Nelson Avenue). Montgomery County and decided that these homes are impacted; and
 - barriers were built, at the time I-270 was improved and based on the same NEPA study, for communities located to the north of West End Park (Azalea/Hawthorn)

A study was required at the time I-270 was improved

- A study was performed for this community, incident to those improvements
- A noise receptor was placed, but not in the same relationship to the highway as these homes were; therefore, the results were not accurate for those homes.

Q: Did we raise the speed limit? Therefore, do not raise the rationale that the policy is designed to mitigate for state action generally—just to mitigate for state action in building the improvements.



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The Secretary's Office

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January 4, 2006

The Honorable Luiz R.S. Simmons
The Maryland House of Delegates
8613 Cedar Street
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-4324


Dear Delegate Simmons:

Thank you for your letter regarding a sound barrier for the West End Park community, adjacent to northbound I-270 north of the I-270/MD 28 interchange in Rockville, Montgomery County. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your concerns.

Before getting back to you with a definitive response, I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss your request with State Highway Administrator Neil J. Pedersen. You can expect to hear from me soon.

Thank you again for letter. I look forward to getting back to you soon. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Robert L. Flanagan
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design, SHA
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Mr. Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator, SHA
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bcc: Ms. Valerie Burnette Edgar, Director of Communications, SHA
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Mr. Edward B. Miller, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor
Ms. Nanette M. Schieke, State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, SHA
Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Deputy Administrator for Planning and Engineering, SHA
Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Manager, SHA

Serial #: WCS 22240

OED Serial#: None

Noise Customer #: 2476 (Mr. Donald A. Kettlestrings

Responding to letter dated: Follow-up to 12-12-2005 letter from Del. Simmons to MDOT Sec. Flanagan (Rec'd. at MDOT 12-12-2005; forwarded to OED via WCS 12-21-2005); Del. Simmons wrote:

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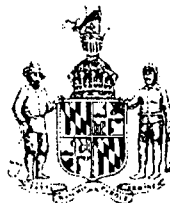
Neil:

This particular area was not specifically studied ~~we~~ when the EIS was prepared in the mid-1980s. It is difficult to say if it had been, whether a barrier would have been warranted. The draft reply reflects our past position.

Charlie

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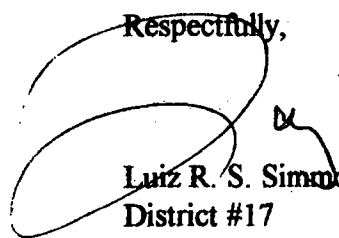
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Document Date: 12/12/2005
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Stand on issue: Neither
How corr. was received: US Postal Mail
Tone of letter: Neither
Current Owner: Helene, Irene
Date Assigned: 12/13/2005
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• Irene - This should go to Charlie A. Thanks.			
Future	Phyllis Thompson	Response Drafter	Review
• Review			
Future	Penny Johnson	Correspondence Manager	Profile
Future	Claire DeBakey	Response Reviewer	Profile
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Ted Severe

To: James Hade
Cc: Kenneth Polcak; Charles Adams
Subject: Correspondence to Sec. Flanagan from Del. Simmons regarding West End Park and I-270
Attachments: SIMMONS-22240.doc

Dear Jim:

We received a letter thru the WCS system this morning from Del. Simmons to Sec. Flanagan requesting that the Sound Barrier Policy be revised to be able to provide abatement for the West End Park community along NB I-270 near the I-270/MD 28 interchange. Charlie drafted the main body of the response and I formatted the letter and he reviewed and ok'd same. We sent it electronically to the 4th Floor this afternoon. It was due there by Friday. Since Charlie would not be available after today thru next Wednesday, we got this letter done PDQ. Attached is a copy of the response. There is a transcription of the inbound letter from Del. Simmons on the bcc page.

Respectfully submitted,
Ted Severe
Administrative Assistant
Noise Abatement Team
Office of Environmental Design

12/21/2005

From: JIM HADE
To: CHARLES ADAMS
Date: 08/25/2005 12:30:14 PM
Subject: Summary of meeting with Delegate Simmons regarding I-270 Noise

Charlie:

At around 3:00 pm , a conference call was held with Charlie Watkins, Secretary Flanagan and myself to review the potential issues, and to affirm our position that the Policy has no written provision for considering these cases.

At approximately 4:30 pm, on August 24, 2005, I met with Charlie Watkins, and Delegate Luiz Simmons of Montgomery County, at the Howard County office building in Ellicott City. Secretary Flanagan had intended to be there and was on the way but had been detained on business with the Governor in Western Maryland. He spoke with us by phone.

Delegate Simmons began the meeting by conceding the point of our last letter to the community that there is no written provision in the policy to go back and reconsider Type I situations. He pointed out that by SHA's analysis the traffic had increased 22-30% higher than originally anticipated, as well as a 10-20 mph increase in traffic speeds.

He presented a January 2005 interim report prepared by RK&K for the City of Rockville, summarizing traffic noise impacts found within the City limits. This was used to affirm our results that there is a traffic noise impact, and to show that other nearby areas (that SHA did not analyze) on Nelson Street had even more severe impacts than what we found on Owens Court. [76 Leq(h) at 203 Nelson St.] The final report is anticipated to be released sometime after Labor Day.

Delegate Simmons then asked for the Secretary to consider reviewing the Noise Policy and to consider adding a provision in the Policy to allow the consideration of communities who suffer increased traffic noise impacts as a result of conditions that could not be accounted for in the original environmental analysis. The Delegate said that he would follow up with a letter to the same effect.

The Secretary said that the he would consider the Delegates request.

The Delegate asked, in casual conversation after we hung up with the Secretary, if it could be speculated how many communities might possibly find themselves in similar circumstances, whether it might be just a few, or many. I responded that there were certainly many communities analyzed for noise impacts in numerous environmental evaluations adjacent to the various highways that have seen improvements in the Annapolis, Baltimore, and Washington areas. We have not been asked to respond to very many, and I was only familiar with one other certain case on US 50 in the Annapolis area.

The meeting ended at approximately 5:00 pm.

No mention was made of the current draft revision of the policy that is before the Federal Highway Administration.

The current Final Draft Sound Barrier Policy submitted to FHWA contains specific language that is contrary to the Delegate's request:

"-There is no provision to consider Sound Barriers under Type I:...
- where communities do not meet criteria in an approved environmental analysis, but where traffic volume, composition, or speed have changed to effect greater noise levels than was previously anticipated."

Some points to consider for this specific community:

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None of the homes East of the ballfield (the community of West End Park) were analyzed or mentioned in any of the I-270 environmental documents for the last major widening. (This could exempt them from the new denial provision, unless one takes the hard interpretation that if a community is not mentioned or analyzed, by default, it did not meet criteria) A majority of the homes on Nelson Street (east of the residents that complained) predate the system opening date for I-270 of 1964. The two complaints that we have are from a post-dating cluster of homes on Owens Street and Owens Court. According to the RK&K draft report, the area is impacted. There would be some noise contribution from the local roads West Montgomery Ave, and Nelson St. We have had no noise complaints from anyone on Nelson Street. (the Type II program is complaint driven).

James Hade, RLA
Noise Abatement Team Leader
Maryland State Highway Administration
Ph 410-545-8599
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CC: BRUCE GREY; CHARLIE WATKINS; DAN UEBERSAX; VALERIE BURNETTE-
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Admin

ID #	MAP	DATE	Letter or Phone on	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	Active?
2476		09/26/2001	Phone	KETTLESTRINGS	Mr. Donald A.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
STREET#	STREET NAME	COUNTY	CITY (Post office)	ZIP CODE	Representative stat	
743	Owens Street	MO	Rockville	20850-2152	private	
Elected Official whom has communicated directly to us on this cu						Del. Luiz Simmons
DAY PHONE	HOME PHONE	E-Mail address	COMMUNITY	HDR Dbase Link		
301-279-7577	301-762-1870	daket@aol.com	West End Park			
Logical Project Limit	ROADWAY	I-270	Barrier Nam			
NB I-270 just above I-170/MD 28 interchange						
RESPONSE	INQUIRY			2nd Contact		
Consultant "raw data" rec'd, under analysis at this time.	Wants study of noise levels (to confirm Type I analysis of 270 expansion)			Jim		
	Last Contd	Researcher	Primary SHA Contact			
	01/14/2004	Ken P	Ken	Construction Projects		
FILE LOCATION	OTHER	Current commitm				
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Do we owe a letter	Letter Commit due da		Reason Letter is Lat	n/a		
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12-21-05 OED/NAT rec'd letter from Del. Simmons to Sec/MDOT requesting policy be modified to revislt comm whose environ data may have been flawed/underestimated						
Comments: This field can not be sorted or searched.						
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1/14/04: Robin Blackwelder of Del. Simmons office called to ask: Are you saying that they qualify but there is no money? Jim indicated that he would look into the matter and call back. She will forward another constituents letter requesting abatement also 6-18-03 Mr. K called for Ken; left voice mail message. 8/26/02: Call to Ken, Jim picked up. Customer has not been updated since promise of end of May update, has called numerous times and not received a call back. Jim asked Ken to call by close of business 8/26/02. 5-20-02 KDP spoke with Mr. Kettlestrings, briefly talked re: initial results but still in analysis; will be getting draft of report in-week, will ultimately get report to Mr. K. with analysis and decision thereafter. Mr. Kettlestrings' FAX number: 301-251-1192 12-11-01 Mr. Kettlestrings called; spoke w/ Jim Hade; wants latest noise study info - has been working w/Ken Polcak. 3/20/02- KDP confirmed with Mr.K.that SHA will do measurement study (as per CBA direction, following consultation on 3/20). 9-26-01 Mr. Kettlestrings called; spoke with Ted Severe; wants to know what can be done to reduce highway traffic noise in his community. Area not elig for Type I - last widening predicted noise levels below FHWA 67 dBA - fails for Type II (postdates)						
All Elected Officials	06/2003 EO's Dist. 17 Sen. Jennie M. Forehand; Dels. Kumar P. Barve; Michael R. Gordon; Luiz R.S. Simmons; MO Cncl Phil Andrews					
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Owner Name: KETTLESTRINGS, D A & E B Use: RESIDENTIAL
Principal Residence: YES
Mailing Address: 743 OWENS ST Deed Reference: 1) / 3866/ 393
ROCKVILLE MD 20850 2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address

743 OWENS ST
ROCKVILLE 20850

Legal Description

WEST END PARK

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Assessment Area	Plat No:
GR12				234		21	72	1	Plat Ref:
Special Tax Areas				Town	ROCKVILLE				
				Ad Valorem					
				Tax Class	50				
Primary Structure Built				Enclosed Area		Property Land Area			County Use
1969				2,110 SF		8,114.00 SF			111
Stories		Basement		Type				Exterior	
2		YES		STANDARD UNIT				FRAME	

Value Information

	Base Value	Value As Of	Phase-in Assessments	
		01/01/2004	As Of	As Of
			07/01/2005	07/01/2006
Land:	88,220	186,340		
Improvements:	122,660	206,430		
Total:	210,880	392,770	332,140	392,770
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	0

Transfer Information

Seller: Date: 06/10/1969 Price: \$36,500
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Exemption Information

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Maryland Department of Transportation

October 18, 2006

The Honorable James T. Smith, Jr.
Baltimore County Executive
400 Washington Avenue
Towson MD 21204-4606

Dear County Executive Smith:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Relay community, adjacent to I-195 in Baltimore County, regarding the following proposed sound barriers:

- *Francis Avenue – South*, along southbound I-195 from just north to just south of Francis Avenue;
- *Cedar Heights/Saint Dennis*, along southbound I-195 from just north of Cedar Avenue to well onto the ramp to Washington Boulevard (US 1); and
- *Francis Avenue – North/Richardson Mews Square*, along northbound I-195 from Cedar Avenue to just north of Francis Avenue.

The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15, 2006, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Relay Elementary School, 5885 Selford Road, Halethorpe. Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed sound barriers for the community and to seek concurrence on the construction of each barrier from at least seventy-five percent of the impacted property owners who would benefit from that barrier. We will distribute vote cards at the meeting to those impacted property owners. Impacted property owners who are eligible to vote are those whose homes experience existing highway noise levels of sixty-six decibels or greater.

Property owners who are unable to attend this meeting will receive a summary of the meeting and copies of all materials distributed at the meeting approximately seven to ten days following the meeting. Voting cards will also be included for impacted property owners who are unable to attend the meeting. Currently, this project is funded only for design.

My telephone number/toll-free number is 410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770

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Sincerely,

Neil J. Pedersen

Neil J. Pedersen
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design, SHA
James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA
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Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, SHA
Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Deputy Administrator for Planning and Engineering, SHA
Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Manager, SHA
Ms. Frances Ward, Community Liaison, SHA

Serial #: None

OED Serial#: None

Noise Customer #: 307, 1061, 1062, 1481, 2728, 2752, 3020

Responding to letter dated: Invitation to the elected officials (State and County) for the Relay community to attend an SHA-hosted community informational meeting on 11-15-2006 in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Relay Elementary School, 5885 Selford Road, Halethorpe, MD; meeting is from 7:00 to 9:00 pm with displays available from 6:30 to 7:00 pm

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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor
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Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary
Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Maryland Department of Transportation

May 25, 2006

The Honorable Theodore J. Sophocleus
Maryland House of Delegates
162 House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear ~~Delegate Sophocleus:~~ Ted

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Fernglen Manor community regarding the sound barrier that is proposed along northbound I-97 from the end of the existing sound barrier at Broadway Avenue to the Wellham Avenue overpass in Anne Arundel County. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 15, 2006, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Cafeteria of the North County High School, 19 East First Avenue, Glen Burnie, Maryland. Before the meeting, displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed sound barrier for the community and to seek concurrence on the construction of the barrier from at least seventy-five percent of the impacted property owners that would benefit from the barriers. We will distribute vote cards at the meeting to those impacted homeowners. Impacted property owners who are eligible to vote are those whose homes experience existing highway noise levels of sixty-six decibels or greater.

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Sincerely,

Neil J. Pedersen

Neil J. Pedersen
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA
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Mr. Gregory Welker, District Engineer, SHA

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Serial #: None

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Maryland Department of Transportation

August 7, 2006

The Honorable Joan F. Stern
Maryland House of Delegates
220 House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

Joan
Dear Delegate Stern:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Leaking Lot, Hadley Farms, Brookefield and Edinburgh communities regarding the sound barriers proposed for MD 124 between Rosewood Manor Lane and Brenish Drive in Montgomery County. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 31, 2006, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Judith A. Resnik Elementary School, 7301 Hadley Farms Drive, Gaithersburg. Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the sound barrier proposed for this project and to seek concurrence on the construction of a barrier from at least seventy-five percent of the owners whose homes will be *both impacted* by highway noise in the design year (2025) *and benefited* by a barrier. "Impacted" homes are those which are predicted to experience either: a ten decibel increase in highway noise levels over existing conditions; or highway noise levels of sixty-six decibels or more that would be at least three decibels higher in 2025 than they would have been if the highway had not been built. We will distribute vote cards to qualifying owners who attend the meeting and will mail vote cards, along with materials that are distributed at the meeting, to qualifying owners who are unable to attend.

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Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Deputy Administrator for Planning and Engineering, SHA
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Serial #: None

OED Serial#: None

Noise Customer #:

Responding to letter dated: Invitation to SHA-hosted community informational meeting Thursday, August 31, 2006 in the Multi-purpose Room of the Judith A. Resnik Elementary School, 7301 Hadley Farms Drive, Gaithersburg

NOTE: All of the invited property owners to this meeting are “impacted”; there are no “benefited-only” property owners.

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Maryland Department of Transportation

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July 13, 2006

The Honorable Norman R. Stone, Jr.
Senate of Maryland
6905 Dunmanway
Baltimore, Maryland 21222-5194

Dear Senator Stone:

Thank you for the telephone call from Mr. Bob Ward, your legislative assistant, to Mr. James D. Hade, our Noise Abatement Team Leader, regarding the sound barrier for the Oriole Avenue community, located along northbound I-695 between Eastern Avenue (MD 150) and the Back River bridge, in Baltimore County. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to you.

The purpose of the March 9, 2006 community meeting, hosted by the State Highway Administration (SHA), was to provide information to affected property owners regarding the proposed sound barriers for the Oriole Avenue and Chesaco Park communities along I-695 and to initiate a written ballot process that would determine whether seventy-five percent of the impacted property owners in the two communities favored the construction of a barrier for their respective community. Ballots were distributed to impacted property owners who attended the meeting and were mailed to impacted property owners who did not attend the meeting.

Please accept our apologies for any misunderstanding about whether the ballot "return by" date of April 24 was a final cut-off date or not. The intention was to allow absent owners sufficient time in which to review the materials from the meeting and cast their votes. The end result was that SHA received ten of twelve ballots, five of which supported construction of the Oriole Avenue sound barrier and five of which opposed the construction of the barrier. Correspondence dated June 26, sent to the Oriole Avenue community, indicated that the required seventy-five percent vote in favor of a sound barrier was not achieved and that the proposed project will not go forward. A copy of that letter is enclosed. Given this vote, SHA considers the question of a Type II sound barrier for the Oriole Avenue community to be closed at this time.

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Thank you, again, for your interest in this issue. If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA at 410-545-8640, toll-free 800-446-5962 or via email at cadams@sha.state.md.us. Mr. Adams will be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly, if you prefer.

Sincerely,

Neil J. Pedersen

Neil J. Pedersen
Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA
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Mr. Robert Ward, Legislative Assistant to Senator Stone, Jr.

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Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Deputy Administrator/Chief Engineer for Planning and
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Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Manager, State Highway Administration
Ms. Frances Ward, Community Liaison, State Highway Administration

Serial #: None

OED Serial#: None

Noise Customer #: 3006 (Mr. Russell R. Mirabile)

Responding to letter dated: Follow-up to 06-29-2006 telephone call from Mr. Bob Ward, legislative assistant to Sen. Stone, to Mr. James Hade, requesting that the 06-26-2006 letter from Mr. Charles Adams to Mr. J. Carroll Holzer, the attorney representing Mr. Russell R. Mirabile, Ms. Nancy M. Leiter and Mr. Samuel P. Mirabile, be revised to omit the offensive paragraph and indicated that the barrier matter was closed (i.e., a sound barrier will NEVER be built adjacent to Oriole Avenue)

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Attachment:

One copy of 06-26-2006 merge letter to Oriole Avenue property owners invited to the 03-09-2006 SHA-hosted community informational meeting held at the Rosedale Center; letter is "unmerged" and includes the data table with the names and addresses of the recipient property owners (16)



Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor
Michael S. Steele, Lt. Governor

State Highway
Administration

Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary
Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Maryland Department of Transportation

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June 26, 2006

«Title» «FirstName» «LastName»«Suffix»
«MailAddress»

Dear «Title» «LastName»:

This letter is a follow-up to the March 9, 2006 informational meeting, hosted by the State Highway Administration (SHA) conducted for the Oriole Avenue community regarding the planned sound barrier project along northbound I-695 from Eastern Avenue to the Back River in Baltimore County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with this update.

As indicated at the meeting, SHA requires that 75 percent of the impacted homeowners must be in favor of the construction of the proposed sound barrier. I regret to inform you that, as of June 22, 2006, SHA has received ten ballots of twelve, five supporting construction of the sound barrier and five opposed to the construction of the barrier. Two ballots have not been received. The Oriole Avenue community has *not* achieved the required 75 percent concurrence. Therefore, the sound barrier will not be constructed.

Thank you for your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James D. Hade, our Noise Abatement Team Leader, at 410-545-8599 or 1-800-446-5962 or via email at jhade@sha.state.md.us. He will be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design

cc: The Honorable John A. Olszewski, Jr., Member, Maryland House of Delegates
James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration
Mr. David J. Malkowski, District Engineer, State Highway Administration
The Honorable Pat McDonough, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Joseph J. Minnick, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable John Olszewski, Sr., Member, Baltimore County Council
The Honorable Norman R. Stone, Member, Senate of Maryland
The Honorable Michael H. Weir, Jr., Member, Maryland House of Delegates

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Mr. Ms.	Russell R. Nancy M.	Mirabile Leiter			400 Mirabile Lane Baltimore MD 21224-2132	318	Diamond Point Road, Baltimore MD 21224	I	410-780-5488
Mr.	James	Schneider			320 Oriole Avenue Baltimore MD 21224-3511	320	Oriole Avenue, Baltimore MD 21224-3511	I	
Mr. and Mrs.	William E.	Dashiell			397 Oriole Avenue Baltimore MD 21224-3512	397	Oriole Avenue, Baltimore MD 21224-3512	B	410-285-3228
Mr.	William J.	Lang	, Jr.		404 Oriole Avenue Baltimore MD 21224-3513	404	Oriole Avenue, Baltimore MD 21224-3513	I	
Mr.	Michael	Jurkiewicz			4816 Bucks School House Road Baltimore MD 21237-3319	406	Oriole Avenue, Baltimore MD 21224-3513	I	410-665-2471
Mr. and Mrs.	Matko Lee	Chullin		287	408 Oriole Avenue Baltimore MD 21224-3513	408	Oriole Avenue, Baltimore MD 21224-3513	I	410-285-5560
Ms.	Sharon	Sparrow			418 Oriole Avenue Baltimore MD 21224-3513	418	Oriole Avenue, Baltimore MD 21224-3513	I	410-288-6755
Mr. and Mrs.	Howard M.	Becker	, Jr.		420 Oriole Avenue Baltimore MD 21224-3513	420	Oriole Avenue, Baltimore MD 21224-3513	I	410-284-9520
Mr.	Joseph V.	Gibson			429 Oriole Avenue Baltimore MD 21224-3514	429	Oriole Avenue, Baltimore MD 21224-3514	B	
Mr.	Joseph Frank	Brown	, IV		510 Robinhood Road Havre de Grace MD 21078-1912	431	Oriole Avenue, Baltimore MD 21224-3514	B	410-939-0535
Mr.	Samuel P.	Mirabile			3226 Belair Road Baltimore MD 21213-1228	434	Oriole Avenue, Baltimore MD 21224-3514	I	410-522-3831
Mr. and Mrs.	Jeffrey	Pennington			433 Oriole Avenue Baltimore MD 21224-3514	433	Oriole Avenue, Baltimore MD 21224-3514	B	410-282-4855
Mr. and Mrs.	Charles H.	Becker			434 Oriole Avenue Baltimore MD 21224-3513	434	Oriole Avenue, Baltimore MD 21224-3513	I	410-288-9329
Mr. and Mrs.	Richard W.	Schmitt			435 Oriole Avenue Baltimore MD 21224-3514	435	Oriole Avenue, Baltimore MD 21224-3514	B	410-284-5435
Mr. and Mrs.	Charles R.	Wiegand			440 Oriole Avenue Baltimore MD 21224-3513	440	Oriole Avenue, Baltimore MD 21224-3513	I	410-282-1438
Mr. and Mrs.	William F.	Sudek			1149 Seneca Road Baltimore MD 21220-4031	441	Oriole Avenue, Baltimore MD 21224-3514	B	410-335-7585

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Ted Severe

From: James Hade
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2006 1:20 PM
To: Charles Adams
Cc: Valerie Burnette Edgar; Dave Malkowski; Allen Jacobs; Frances Ward
Subject: I-695 at Oriole Avenue, the Mirable's are not satisfied with our response, Contact with Elected officials office

Charlie:

As you are aware, we have sent letters to Mr. Mirable, his lawyer (from you), and Delegate McDonough (from the Secretary), indicating that we had not received a 75% concurrence on the Oriole Avenue Type II noise barrier, and that it would not be built. Because Mr. Mirable had requested that we agree that a barrier would Never be built at this location, the letter to his lawyer also spoke to the possibility of future Type I actions [that if we widened the highway in the future, and abatement was recommended, that we would open the issue again for community concurrence (summarized).]

This morning Mr. Russell Mirable called, asking for you, indicating that he was extremely displeased regarding our failure to promise to Never to build a barrier. He mentioned that he felt that he would have to have his lawyers to get the issue put to rest, and that he felt that we had an "agenda", and that it appears that we intend to do as we please.

Subsequent to his calling here he apparently called Senator Norman Stone. It also appears that someone called the Secretary's office on his behalf as well.

Mr. Bob Ward, of the Senator's office, called me to ask if we could fax a revised letter to the Senator's office omitting the offensive paragraph, and indicate that "the issue is closed". Mr. Ward volunteered that he understood the principle behind the (Type I) issue, that we cannot reasonably permanently bind such things in the future.

My summary of the situation is this:

Mr. Mirable, and his family own a number of properties along Oriole Avenue. Currently four of those properties appear have a noise sensitive use with a highway traffic noise impact. If he is able to lease them or sell them to users who intend to have non-noise sensitive uses, he, or they, will lose the ability to vote a barrier down. He has previously stated that he believes that visibility is crucial to the success of any business that is located there. I believe that he is keenly aware of this issue, which is driving his insistence on us promising never to build barriers. If we cannot make this promise, I believe that he feels that he will not be able to lease or sell these properties to an industrial or manufacturing user (which is permitted under current zoning).

James Hade, RLA
Noise Abatement Team Leader
Ph: 410-545-8599
Fx: 410-209-5003

06/30/2006

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From: Scott Dyer
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2006 11:40 AM
To: Neil Pedersen
Cc: James Hade
Subject: Re: Delegate Inquiry Regarding Sound Barriers Proposed along I-695 North (Between Eastern Ave. - MD150 & Back River) in Baltimore County
Importance: High
Sensitivity: Confidential

Neil,

Jim asked me to follow up with you regarding what the final resolution is to this issue, of whether the sound barrier installation would be moving forward or not...as of the letter received this month from Delegate Pat McDonough to Secretary Flanagan, it is indicated the deadline for votes from the homeowners was being extended, and the previous deadline yielded a result of residents not wanting the sound barriers installed of those who responded in time. The letter references James Hade of SHA, so I am cc'ing him as well.

Thank you in advance!

Sincerely,

Scott R. Dyer

Scott R. Dyer
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06/30/2006

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., *Governor*
Michael S. Steele, *Lt. Governor*



Robert L. Flanagan, *Secretary*
Neil J. Pedersen, *Administrator*

Maryland Department of Transportation

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February 21, 2006

The Honorable Norman R. Stone, Jr.
Senate of Maryland
216 James Senate Office Building
110 College Avenue
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Stone:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Cheasaco Park community, along northbound I-695 from the Back River to the AMTRAK railroad bridge northeast of the Chesaco Avenue Bridge, and the Oriole Avenue community, along I-695 from Eastern Avenue (MD 150) to the Back River, in Baltimore County. The meeting is to discuss the two proposed sound barriers to be built adjacent to the two communities. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 9, 2006, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the gym of the Rosedale Center, 8200 Old Philadelphia Road, Rosedale. Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed sound barriers for the communities and to seek concurrence on the construction of the barrier from at least 75 percent of the impacted property owners in each community that would benefit from the barriers. We will distribute vote cards at the meeting to the impacted homeowners. Impacted property owners who are eligible to vote are those whose homes experience existing highway noise levels of 66 decibels or greater.

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Sincerely,

Neil J. Pedersen

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Administrator

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Serial #: None

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Noise Customer #: 287 (Mr. Matko Chullin)

Responding to letter dated: Invitation to 03-09-2006 SHA-hosted community informational meeting for the Chesaco Park and Oriole Avenue communities in the gym of the Rosedale Center, 8200 Old Philadelphia Road, Rosedale

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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor
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Maryland Department of Transportation

August 7, 2006

The Honorable Leonard H. Teitelbaum
Senate of Maryland
214 James Senate Office Building
110 College Avenue
Annapolis, MD, 21401-1991

Dear Senator Teitelbaum:

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Serial #: None

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Noise Customer #:

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Maryland Department of Transportation

August 7, 2006

The Honorable Henry B. Heller
Maryland House of Delegates
429 House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

Dear ~~Delegate Heller~~ *Hon. H.*:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Leaking Lot, Hadley Farms, Brookefield and Edinburgh communities regarding the sound barriers proposed for MD 124 between Rosewood Manor Lane and Brenish Drive in Montgomery County. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 31, 2006, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Judith A. Resnik Elementary School, 7301 Hadley Farms Drive, Gaithersburg. Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

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Maryland Department of Transportation

August 7, 2006

The Honorable Adrienne A. Mandel
Maryland House of Delegates
220 House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Mandel:

Adrienne

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Maryland Department of Transportation

August 7, 2006

The Honorable Carol S. Petzold
Maryland House of Delegates
14113 Chadwick Lane,
Rockville MD, 20853-2103

Dear ~~Delegate Petzold:~~ Carol

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Leaking Lot, Hadley Farms, Brookefield and Edinburg communities regarding the sound barriers proposed for MD 124 between Rosewood Manor Lane and Brenish Drive in Montgomery County. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 31, 2006, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Judith A. Resnik Elementary School, 7301 Hadley Farms Drive, Gaithersburg. Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., *Governor*
Michael S. Steele, *Lt. Governor*

Robert L. Flanagan, *Secretary*
Neil J. Pedersen, *Administrator*

Maryland Department of Transportation

February 21, 2006

The Honorable Michael H. Weir, Jr.
Maryland House of Delegates
305 Lowe House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Weir:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Cheasaco Park community, along northbound I-695 from the Back River to the AMTRAK railroad bridge northeast of the Chesaco Avenue Bridge, and the Oriole Avenue community, along I-695 from Eastern Avenue (MD 150) to the Back River, in Baltimore County. The meeting is to discuss the two proposed sound barriers to be built adjacent to the two communities. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 9, 2006, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the gym of the Rosedale Center, 8200 Old Philadelphia Road, Rosedale. Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed sound barriers for the communities and to seek concurrence on the construction of the barrier from at least 75 percent of the impacted property owners in each community that would benefit from the barriers. We will distribute vote cards at the meeting to the impacted homeowners. Impacted property owners who are eligible to vote are those whose homes experience existing highway noise levels of 66 decibels or greater.

Property owners who are unable to attend this meeting will receive a summary of the meeting and copies of all materials distributed at the meeting approximately seven to ten days following the meeting. Voting cards will also be included for impacted property owners who are unable to attend the meeting.

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Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James D. Hade, SHA's Noise Abatement Team Leader, at 410-545-8599, toll-free 800-446-5962 or via email at jhade@sha.state.md.us. Mr. Hade will be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,

Neil J. Pedersen

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Administrator

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Mr. David J. Malkowski, District Engineer, SHA

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Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, SHA
Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Deputy Administrator for Planning and Engineering, SHA
Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Manager, SHA
Ms. Frances Ward, Community Liaison, SHA

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Noise Customer #: 287 (Mr. Matko Chullin)

Responding to letter dated: Invitation to 03-09-2006 SHA-hosted community informational meeting for the Chesaco Park and Oriole Avenue communities in the gym of the Rosedale Center, 8200 Old Philadelphia Road, Rosedale

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July 3, 2006

Mr. Gregory D. Welker
District Engineer
State Highway Administration
138 Defense Highway
Annapolis MD 21401-7023

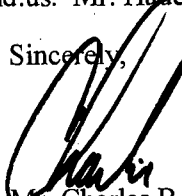
Dear Mr. Welker 

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Heards Estates community regarding the sound barrier project along southbound MD 237 (Chancellors Run Road) between Norris Drive and Strickland Road in Saint Mary's County. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 27, 2006, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Bay District Volunteer Fire Department, Station 9, 45774 Fire Department Lane, California, Maryland (corner of Chancellors Run Road and Fire Department Lane). Before the meeting, displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the sound barrier proposed for this project and to seek concurrence on the construction of the barrier from at least 75 percent of the owners whose homes will be *both impacted* by highway noise in the design year (2025) *and benefited* by a barrier. "Impacted" homes are those which are predicted to experience highway noise levels of 66 decibels or more that would be at least 3 decibels higher in 2025 than they would have been if the highway had not been built. "Benefited" homes are those for which a barrier will provide at least a 3-decibel reduction in highway noise (if they are impacted) or a 5-decibel reduction (if they are not impacted). We will distribute vote cards to qualifying owners who attend the meeting and will mail vote cards, along with materials that are distributed at the meeting, to qualifying owners who are unable to attend.

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Sincerely,



Mr. Charles B. Adams

Director
Office of Environmental Design

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Maryland Department of Transportation

May 18, 2006

Mr. Gregory D. Welker
District Engineer
State Highway Administration
5111 Buckeystown Pike
Frederick MD 21074-8305

Dear Mr. Welker:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Fernglen Manor community regarding the sound barrier that is proposed along northbound I-97 from the end of the existing sound barrier at Broadway Avenue to the Wellham Avenue overpass in Anne Arundel County. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 15, 2006, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Cafeteria of the North County High School, 19 East First Avenue, Glen Burnie, Maryland. Before the meeting, displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

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Director
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